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NAZIS FORCE LEAGUE SHOWDOWN

Oakland P.W.U.U. Seats 3 on *W*PA 'Dept' of Labor

L.A. STRIKERS BLACKLISTED

Project Strikes Win Major Concessions In East Bay

OAKLAND, March 9.—As a result of the recent struggles of Alameda County WPA workers, led by the Public Workers and Unemployed Union, a "department of labor" has been set up here to handle disputes on relief projects. This "department" consists of three elected by the union and one appointed by the WPA administration.

They are: Larry Reynolds, chairman of the strike committee which recently led 2500 project workers in a strike against overtime work; Fred Rattenhouse, former chairman of the County Federation of Unemployed and (to which the PWUU is affiliated); and Roy R. Noftz, PWUU fraternal delegate on the Central Labor Council. The administration representative is Bill Goodwin, long recognized as friendly to the workers.

With the placing of these on the WPA Administration payroll the union feels it has made the first step toward success in its long fight to have the unemployed represented in the relief administration set-up. The WPA has agreed, in writing, that these men shall not be hindered in their union activities.

They will handle only job grievances; the general union demands the be handled separately by the union committees. Neither will

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SRA Manufacturing Relief "Crisis" In Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Another California relief 'crisis' is being rapidly manufactured, with the State Relief Administration announcing it will adopt new red-tape regulations to wind around the 40,000 Californians scheduled to be kicked off WPA by July 1st. The State Relief Commission insists it must have $3,000,000 from the Federal government to finance its expenditures.

Pending such a grant plans are laid to throw thousands onto county charity relief as "unemployables," these same workers having already been passed to the state by WPA as "unemployable." The counties have already announced their financial impotence in this matter and have cut relief "budgets" to as low as ten and fifteen cents a day for food, rental allowances ranging variously from $8 to $12, depending on the county and whether the recipient is single or has a family.

One hundred and three "unemployables" face starvation in San Francisco. Some of them, physically incapitated workers, cannot establish their county residence and cannot get county relief. SRA objects to taking them, WPA has already rejected them. Many of them are mothers who are "unemployable" because they cannot leave small children to work on the useless relief projects.

SERA plans to pry into each WPA man's affairs when he applies to them for help after being dropped from the Federal relief. He will be expected to make his last WPA check last two weeks, and will have to present receipts to SRA to show how it was spent. In addition he "must prove he has exhausted every possibility of getting work in private industry."

ARIZONA RELIEF CUT

By T. J. Croaff, Jr.
(Special Dispatch)

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 9.—W. J. Jamieson, state works progress administrator, has announced the task of removing 1750 employes from the WPA payroll in Arizona to meet Washington demands.

Instructions from Washington headquarters ordered the state's quota reduced from 14,756 to 13,000, Jamieson said.

"These people will be eliminated from the government payroll entirely until such time as they can find employment with some other agency," the administrator stated.

Jamieson said private industry is doing little to absorb those being removed from the government projects.

WORKERS' SCHOOL FETE

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—Despite recent attempts of "Dirty Willie" Hearst to incite to violence against it, the Los Angeles Workers' School celebrated its second anniversary here last night at the Cultural Center with a banquet, speech by Leo Gallagher and dance.

A collection of $75 was taken up for the benefit of the school.

UNIFORM SLING LOAD GAINED BY LOCAL DOCKMEN

S.U.P. COURT FIGHT OPENS WITH RANKS OF UNION HOLDING SOLID

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Local longshoremen won an important victory in a controversy of long standing, when following a dispute while loading the Dollar liner, President Taft, an agreement establishing a uniform sling-load of canned goods to be handled by the dockers was reached at a meeting of the Joint Relations Committee.

Six gangs had been discharged while loading the President Taft for refusing to handle over-sized slingloads.

The decision handed down by the Joint Labor Relations Committee on the issue was cited as a signal victory by Harry Bridges, president of Local 38-79. It is the first time that the I. L. A. has ever been able to standardize the work loads on the San Francisco waterfront.

Loads had varied from 30 case slings on some docks to 45 on others. The decision sets the standard at 35 cases. It also establishes 1960 pounds as a reasonable slingload.

With this start, leaders of the local I. L. A. will make a renewed fight to establish standard loads in all Pacific ports, where loads

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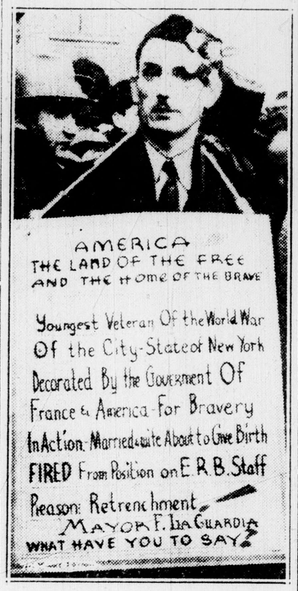

This World War veteran, the youngest in New York State, was welcomed as a hero when he returned from France in 1918. Now he's on the picket line with other workers from Gotham's Emergency Relief Bureau—fighting loss of his job in a retrenchment program.

BRAZIL POLICE MURDER BARRON

Prestes Faces Death At Hands of Wall Street Puppet

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Mar. 8.—Luis Carlos Prestes, heroic leader of the Brazilian workers and peasants, chairman of the Communist Party of Brazil and member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, was arrested long before authorities seized—and murdered—Allan Barron, son of Harrison George, well known leader in the American Communist Party.

Police circulated a report—given wide publicity in South America and the United States—that Barron had revealed the hiding place of Prestes and later had committed suicide by jumping from a three-story window.

Reliable reports establish conclusively the fact that police here tortured Barron for days and unable to wring the slightest bit of information from him, threw him out of the window. Although his body was mangled by the fall, marks of torture were not effaced.

MASS ARRESTS

Meanwhile more than 200 participants in the Northeast uprising last November are now in prison, threatened with the death sentence. Seven thousand have been jailed awaiting trial. The reactionary Vargas Government, tool of American imperialists, is sparing nothing in its desperate attempt to smash all resistance of the workers and peasants.

Prestes is regarded throughout Latin America as the foremost leader of the oppressed people of Brazil. The Vargas Government regards him as a valuable "prize" and undoubtedly has prepared special forms of torture for him. Because of this a world-wide protest movement must be aroused, particularly in the United States, demanding his freedom. (For editorial comment, see Page 6.)

COUNCIL WAR DECLARED ON VIGILANTISM

DELEGATES ANGERED AT ATTACKS IN "AMERICAN CITIZEN"

Want Plot Uncovered

VANDELEUR AT LAST IS FORCED TO LISTEN TO PROTESTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 9.—The storm of protest aroused in labor circles the past couple of days by the latest exploits of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and their scurrilous sheet, the "American Citizen," broke in the Central Labor Council here Friday night.

Delegates from a number of shore and waterfront unions spoke on the red-baiting attacks against all progressive trade unions in this city carried in this week's issue of the "American Citizen," the organ through which San Francisco's open shop forces are attempting to build a mass vigilante movement to be utilized at the right moment for wrecking the rank and file-controlled maritime unions, and other militant labor organizations. Fire was directed against anti-labor activities of the State Chamber of Commerce brought to light a few days ago by Alfred Aram, San Jose lawyer, who filed objections with U. S. Webb, attorney general of California, charging that a field representative of the State Chamber of Commerce, Charles Mariner, had boasted in the course of an address before the San Jose Hi-Twelve Club, that his organization had spent $50,000 in anti-labor activities in the recent period, and openly advocated the use of the frame-up and physical violence against active trade unionists.

DELEGATES ANGRY

George Kidwell, veteran West Coast labor leader who recently broke with the Vandeleur-Rossi machine in the Central Labor Council and openly declared his alignment with Harry Bridges and the militant rank and file, introduced a motion which passed unanimously to extend an invitation to Attorney Aram to appear before the Council and acquaint the membership with full details of Mariner's speech.

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LEAGUE TO HOLD RALLY AT WEST OAKLAND MAR. 15

OAKLAND, Calif., March 8.—A program of maximum interest to all will be offered at a rally under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism to be held at Tailor Memorial Church, 121st and Magnolia sts., Oakland, on Sunday, March 15th.

The program will offer a report on the National Negro Congress, which met in Chicago, by one of the East Bay delegates.

"Ethiopia," a sketch by Dr. Harry F. Ward, will be enacted by members of the East Bay Teater Union.

General Fang Chen-wu will deliver an address on "A United China Points the Way."

A well known speaker will talk on "The American League Against War and Fascism and What It Means to You."

The League is working to make a foundation for harmonious and understanding race relations in West Oakland and invites the attendance of all liberals and interested groups.

STALIN INTERVIEW IS MUTILATED BY HOWARD

"RUSSIAN CONSTITUTION WILL BE MOST DEMOCRATIC IN WORLD"

Raps Fascist Ballot

DOUBTS FREEDOM EXISTS FOR JOBLESS UNDER CAPITALISM

Mr. Roy Howard, official of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, went to Moscow, talked to Joseph Stalin and sent the interview back to the United States. It was splashed across the front pages of thousands of newspapers. It was, in fact, given a prominence all out of proportion to the usual attention capitalist newspapers give so "unimportant" a factor as the Soviet Union.

There's an old adage that says: "Don't look a gift horse in the face." But this "gift horse" was examined in the light of the full text of the Stalin interview, as published in the Daily Worker of March 6, and it was found Mr. Howard had omitted some very significant statements by Stalin.

For instance, the discussion turned to "personal liberty." Mr. Howard had declared "state socialism" exists in the Soviet Union. Stalin outlined the difference between state socialism and the Soviet sys-

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1000 at Meet to Protest Ousting Of Crockett Man

HARRY BRIDGES APPEALS TO ALL UNIONS TO JOIN AFL

CROCKETT, Calif., March 8.—More than 1000 persons attended a public mass meeting held here last Tuesday night to protest the discharge of Allen Engles by the Crockett Sugar Refinery.

Engles is a member of the Sugar Refinery Union and was framed and discharged by the company on a flimsy charge. A resolution demanding his reinstatement was adopted by unanimous and thunderous vote and later was sent to the officials of the company by the Contra Costa Central Labor Council.

Main speaker at the meeting was Harry Bridges who declared:

"When you have solidarity you have something more powerful than money."

He appealed to all unions to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor in order to take advantage of the added driving power thus acquired.

"Take charge of your union," he continued, "and run it yourself. Elect as your own representatives such men as will represent your interests and whenever they fail to faithfully represent you, you have effective provision in your by-laws to remove them."

Other representatives from trade unions in Contra Costa County who spoke included: Sam Herod and Cap Riley of the Rodeo Oil Workers' Union; J. E. Christenson and J. H. Stevens of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union of Selby; R. V. Lytten of the Martinez Oil Workers' Union, and J. Faulkner of the Richmand Potters' Union. Tom Corra of the Crockett Sugar Refinery Union explained the purpose of the meeting.

HE EMBARRASSED CAPITALISM

Joseph Stalin (left) talks things over with K. E. Voroshilov, people's commissar for defense. The interview Stalin granted Roy Howard of the Scripps-Howard newspapers embarrassed capitalist officials and only a highly censored version appeared in American papers.

SINCLAIR ANNOUNCES SLATE FOR MAY PRIMARIES; OLSON NOT LISTED AS A DELEGATE

PASADENA, Calif., March 6.—Completing the EPIC slate for the May presidential primaries, Upton Sinclair yesterday announced the eight delegates-at-large on the slate which he will head personally.

If elected to the Democratic National Convention, the EPIC delegation will cast its first vote for Sinclair for the presidential nomination, but will switch its second vote to President Roosevelt.

The delegate's-at-large are:

Richard Crane Gartz, of Altadena, Sinclair's campaign assistant in the 1934 gubernatorial campaign and son of Mrs. Kate Crane Gartz, famed liberal; Mrs. Helen Artieda, of Oakland, member of the EPIC board of directors; Almon A. Heath, of Hawthorne, publisher of National EPIC Monthly and business manager of EPIC News; Alanson Sessions, of Bakersfield, member of the EPIC campaign committee and editor of the Kern County Union Labor Journal; Mrs. Barbara Brooks, of Costa Mesa, Orange County; Dr. George J. Saylin, of Los Angeles, member of the EPIC board of directors; Mrs. Mary Craig Sinclair, wife of the founder of EPIC, and Upton Sinclair.

In addition to these eight delegates, 40 others have been selected by caucuses held at the last EPIC convention here on Feb. 23.

PROGRESSIVE PLANKS

Not only will the EPIC slate vote for the presidential nominee in the Philadelphia convention—if elected—but it is also pledged to fight for the insertion of a production-for-use plank in the Democratic platform, as well as a number of other progressive planks based upon the most urgent needs and demands of the broad masses of the United States, such as social insurance, anti-war, preservation of constitutional rights of the people, guaranteeing of the rights of labor to organize, strike and picket, etc.

Conspicuous by its absence from the list of delegates was the name of Culbert L. Olson, EPIC State Senator, who previously bolted the Roosevelt-McAdoo slate for the primaries.

Olson achieved considerable disfavor with the Epic rank and file by his surrender of the Democratic State Central Committee to the McAdoo forces last January, and his acceptance of a $10,000-a-year job from Jim Farley, Roosevelt's patronage chief.

L. A. 'Foreign Legion' Called Unamerican

LOS ANGELES, March 7.—Chief Davis' "Foreign Legion" has been characterized as "atrocious" in a resolution of condemnation received here from the Phoenix, Ariz., City Commission.

The resolution denounced the activities of the Los Angeles police "border patrol" as un-American and charged that "many inoffensive families have been taken from buses and automobiles and subjected to harsh treatment."

A similar resolution has also been received here from the Portland, Ore., City Council.

POLES STRIKE

WARSAW, Mar. 6.—Nearly 60,000 textile workers in the Lodz district struck today in sympathy with the strike for higher wages of workers in the smaller factories of the district.

HAND CALLED BY HITLER IN RHINE ARMING

LOCARNO AND VERSAILLES TREATIES DEFIED BY GERMAN ADVANCE

Italy Sees Loophole

JAPANESE EMPEROR PICKS "SAFE" FIGUREHEAD FOR PREMIER

All Europe was nearer to armed conflict by one long German goose-step when Hitler's regiments marched in and occupied the Rhineland last Saturday. At one stroke, the fuehrer revoked the Versailles treaty and called the hand of the Locarno pact. He threw down the gauntlet to the farmer World War allies, virtually declaring: "Fight or shut up."

He moved with arrogant confidence, knowing that the former allies are divided among themselves and that France would never have signed the Franco-Soviet pact if she had any faith in the Locarno treaty.

RED HERRING

This done, the Nazi dictator thundered warnings of Bolshevism to his Reichstag, dissolved that body, declared a new "plebiscite" for March 29, and departed for a vacation in Berchtesgaden.

France immediately strengthened her border garrisons, placed them on a war-time basis and dismantled all pontoon bridges crossing the Rhine. An emergency conference between all signatories of the Locarno pact will be held in

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Employers Seek To End Shipyard Strike at Pedro

BETHLEHEM STEEL MOVES TO SPLIT SOLIDARITY BETWEEN UNIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 9.—It was learned here today that Bethlehem Steel had made overtures to the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, Local 9, at San Pedro leading toward a split in the solidarity of the striking workers.

Local 7 of San Francisco was to meet tonight and it is understood a proposal will be considered to send a delegate to San Pedro for the purpose of asking the strikers there to stand firm.

The Bethlehem Corporation, main firm against which the workers have been striking since Jan. 3, proposed that the San Pedro workers return to work pending arbitration of their demands. Meanwhile the employers promised to recognize the union.

Scabs imported from across the Bay were being used at the local Bethlehem Shipyard. At the same time, picket lines are being maintained by the Machinists and the Industrial Union. Women—members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Industrial Union—turned out to picket this week.

At Washington, D. C., it was reported Representative Marcantonio, progressive congressman, is attempting to get the Legislature to consider the strike here in view of the fact that Bethlehem has dined the workers the right to choose the union which they wish to represent them for purposes of colective bargaining.

LABOR COUNCIL DELEGATES RAP ANTI-UNIONIST

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"If these things are true," Kidwell declared, "It seems to me this constitutes a genuine case of subversive activities."

The evident temper of the meeting as delegate followed delegate in demanding drastic action forced Edward D. Vandeleur, president of the Central Labor Council, and president of the California State Federation of Labor, to drop the policy he had followed previously of consistently ignoring or ridiculing all demands for action in regard to the anti-union offensive now centering in the drive on the maritime unions. After several unsuccessful attempts to choke off discussion he finally ruled that all delegates wishing to take up the question shall attend the meeting of the Council's Executive Committee next Monday night, obviously hopeful that in this way the whole thing could be quietly shoved aside.

EXPECT ACTION

Judging from the general sentiment among the delegates it seems unlikely that Vandeleur's hope will be realized. Unions which formerly took no interest in the continued barrage carried on against the waterfront unions are now bitterly resentful at finding themselves included in the lengthy list of "subversive" organizations carried in the current issue of the "American Citizen."

The president of Miscellaneous Employees' Union, Local No. 110, protested against the use of the union label on this fascist sheet, and asked that action be taken for its withdrawal. "I object to vigilantes having the union label. Vigilantism is a definite threat to organized labor," he declared, "the Chamber of Commerce should be shown that this must stop." A motion in regard to investigate the use of the union label on the "American Citizen" was passed some time ago in the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

Harry Bridges reported for I. L. A. 38-79 that the longshoremen had finally been successful in getting employers to agree to a standard load for the whole port on one commodity, being canned goods.

SHIPYARD STRIKE

Reporting on the shipyard strike, Dillon, delegate from the Machinists', Union, stated that "Other reports to the contrary the shipyard strike is still on," and appealed for support.

A delegate from the Elevator Operators' Union requested delegates to ask every operator he comes in contact with for his union card, to aid in building up prestige for the union.

Communist Speech That Was Suppressed on West Coast

Disregarding a barrage of protests, Columbia Broadcasting System refused to carry Earl Browder's radio talk on any of its many West Coast and Middle West stations. First it was understood the address would be carried by Los Angeles, Sacramento, Denver and Salt Lake stations. Later Columbia, probably yielding to Hearst, suppressed the talk over these stations also. In the East the talk was suppressed in Detroit and in New England. The Western Worker herewith is publishing the full text of Comrade Browder's talk.

"The Communist Position in 1936"

Friends:

The main issue of 1936 is how to put America back to work. We have from twelve to fifteen million unemployed. More than 10 million people are on a starvation relief dole. This is cutting the wages of those who still have jobs. It is completing the bankruptcy of the farmers. It is driving the small business men and professionals to the wall. Millions of young people leave the schools without hope of employment. Half the country is already below the poverty line. The cancer of unemployment is eating at the heart of the whole country.

Just this problem is evaded by all the political spokesmen who are filling the air with their frenzied speeches. Democrats and Republicans, of all factions, are united in covering up this issue with optimistic reports of increasing production and pessimistic opinions about each other. They cry that prosperity is again just around the corner. They point to profits multiplied by several hundred per cent. But they do not tell you that increased production is mainly of more labor-saving machinery, which is throwing several more workers out of a job for every one that gets temporary work. With increasing production, we have increasing unemployment. Even if we regained the 1929 production level, there would still be nine million workers on the streets. Prosperity, yes! But only for the bankers and great industrialists.

Plenty for All

What insanity is this! What incredible crime against humanity! Our country has half the riches and productive capacity of the world. We have factories and enterprises capable of producing enough to fill all needs. We have millions of workers and farmers, able and eager to produce. But our wealth is monopolized by a handful of so-called "best families." And the government refuses to put men to work producing what we need. It says that if it must put men to work, they must produce things we do not need. It scratches its head over the problem of how to maintain millions in poverty and idleness, so that they will not interfere with the growing profits of Wall Street. Meanwhile in the name of a "balanced budget," it spends billions for war and subsidies to Wall Street, cuts relief and refuses Old Age and Unemployment Insurance, and shifts the tax burden off the rich over to the shoulders of the poor, by processing, sales and excise taxes.

We Communists demand that the government shall assume responsibility that every able-bodied worker shall be given a job, at union wage scales. We demand that the farmers shall be guaranteed a market at fair prices for their produce that all the people need. We demand that all people not thus taken care of, shall be provided with a Federal system of Old Age, Unemployment and Social Insurance, sufficient to maintain the American standard and paid for out of the profits of the capitalists.

That is why we are called "reds" and are attacked so bitterly. This is why the Hearsts and MacFaddens incite to lynch-law against us. Every agent of Wall Street demands that the Communists be crushed, because the Communist constantly keep this issue of unemployment before the country. When you hear the blood-and-thunder denunciations of the Communists, remember that the same accusations were made against Lincoln when he led the struggle against chattel slavery.

Break Their Rule

Let us have no illusions! We cannot begin to solve this problem of unemployment until we begin to break the rule of Wall Street over the country. The House of Morgan is the real ruler today. It ruled under the first Roosevelt, under Taft, under Wilson, under Harding, under Hoover. It has strengthened its rule under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Presidents come and go, but the House of Morgan goes on forever—until the American people are prepared to make a fundamental change in the present system which produced the House of Morgan, and the other monopolists—Rockefeller, duPont, Mellon. Republicans and Democrats, alternate in and out of office, but the rule of Morgan grows stronger and more all-embracing. With the growing power of Wall Street grows the misery and starvation of the people.

The New Deal, which aroused such hopes among the people, is in ruins and bankrupted. Now all the most reactionary forces in the country, gathered from both old parties in the Liberty League, with its agents, the Ku Klux Klan Talmadges, the Hearsts, the Coughlins, the Hoovers, try to stampede a desperate and despairing people onto the path already followed by Hitler Germany, fascist Italy, militarist Japan. They have entrenched themselves behind the apparently impregnable stronghold of the Supreme Court, which in brushing out the wreckage of the New Deal has outlawed all future social legislation.

A New Party

The Communist Party calls upon the American people to defeat this reactionary bloc as the greatest threat to our liberties and our life-interests. But we are profoundly convinced that it cannot be defeated by the Democratic Party and Roosevelt. They have surrendered all strategic points to reaction. The first steps of a real struggle against Wall Street and its agents requires that we break away from Wall Street's machinery of rule—the old two-party system of alternating between Republicans and Democrats, both parties owned by Wall Street. This is the old game of matching pennies, according to the rules: heads Wall Street wins, tails the people lose. Tweedledum and Tweedledee are still twins, even when one wears the cold mask of Hoover and the other the professional smile of Roosevelt.

Every great crisis in American history has required a new party to solve it. The old parties have always failed at the turning point in history. The people have always found it necessary to create a new party and put it into power.

Millions of American workers, farmers, and middle class people are already coming to this conclusion. Millions are ready to agree on a simple program that could immediately begin to improve conditions. We Communists propose that in 1936, all of this opinion should get together in every town and city, in every state and on a national scale, to form a Farmer-Labor Party.

Would Aid Workers

Such a Farmer-Labor Party would not require that we all agree on a complete program. It would not yet take up the full program of Socialism, of revolution, for which many are not yet prepared. It would pledge itself to carry out only those few simple measures which millions of people are already agreed upon.

Whenever a capitalist closed down his factories and threw out his workers, such a Farmer-Labor Party when in power, would be pledged to reopen that factory and put the workers back to work at union wages.

Such a Farmer-Labor government would outlaw the yellow-dog contract and company unions; it would help the workers to make our industries and agriculture 100 per cent unionized and here let me say one word about the Committee for Industrial Organization headed by John L. Lewis: While we disagree with his support of Roosevelt, we support fully the fight for industrial unionism.

A Farmer-Labor government would tax the rich to care for the poor; it would enact genuine old-age, unemployment and social insurance legislation that would really give social security to all of those who would not yet be put back to work; legislation along the lines of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill now before Congress, which everyone knows was originated by the Communists.

Such a government would really guarantee the equal rights of the Negroes who now are stirring with revolt against their shameful treatment, even worse than Hitler's treatment of the Jews.

Such a government would provide for the millions of youth at least their minimum needs by enacting the Youth Act worked out by the American Youth Congress.

Such a government would stop the rising tide of reaction in the country.

Such a government would handle the Supreme Court as Lincoln did, and drastically remove its dictatorial usurped powers.

Such a government would make impossible for Morgan-Hearst to drag us into another imperialist war; it would join with all peace forces in the world to restrain the German, Japanese and Italian war makers; it would keep America out of war by helping to keep war out of the world.

All these measures, while not revolutionary, would organize masses of people against Wall Street rule, would place the representatives of the people into office, would relieve the population from its most immediate and desperate difficulties.

Our Program

The Communist Party, in 1936, puts forward as its main proposal to the American people that they organize themselves in such a Farmer-

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Jobless Strike Leaders Victims Of WPA Blacklist

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this board have the authority to fire anyone nor to select the workers to be laid off in the anticipated cutting of WPA rolls.

JOB STEWARDS

In order to better organize the jobs and exercise control over spontaneous strikes the PWUU asked permission to elect job stewards and the request was granted by administrator Koetitz. The entire job stward system will cooperate with union investigators in the new "labor relations department." These union representatives will investigate every job on which a complaint has been made, interviewing the workers, and making a report.

In a conference between the WPA and the project sponsor is held the union representative will sit in.

One complaint has already been adjusted. The foreman on a project was forcing the men to move a heavy concrete mixer by hand, instead of using a truck. This heavy machinery was moved down a steep hill in this manner, where a slip might have meant the killing or maiming of one or more men. This was immediately ordered stopped.

"DOUBLE CROSS" IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Because they dared to lead 3000 workers on the Slauson-La Brea storm drain project in a strike, 39 workers have been blacklisted from WPA by Administrator Colonel Donald H. Connolly.

"These men can never again work on WPA," was the ultimatum of Connolly and his assistant, Major Dillon.

In addition to the blacklisting, a campaign of terror and intimidation is being carried on in an effort to break up the organization of the Public Works and Unemployed Union on the project.

Of the 39 blacklisted, six were members of the PWUU job committee—Goolsby, MacKenzie, Aaron Johnson, Sweat, Galloway, and Hicks. These workers were arrested by police last Tuesday, the day after the successful strike, when they were protesting the discharge of Goolsby for union activity.

"BEHAVE YOURSELF"

They were held two hours by police at the Wilshire station and warned to stay away from the PWUU and not even go to the project to get their pay.

One of the arrested workers was told by police that they would get him back on the job "if you behave yourself." The worker indignantly rejected the "offer."

Connolly has refused to give these blacklisted workers a hearing of any sort.

The County Council of the PWUU has issued a call for protests to be sent to Pres. Roosevelt, FERA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, State WPA Administrator Frank Y. McLaughlin, and Colonel Connolly, demanding the right to organize without intimidation—incidentally, a demand of the strikers which was granted and then arbitrarily revoked the following day.

The PWUU particularly urges A. F. of L. trade unions to protest this fascist attack on the right of workers to organize.

Union Strikes to Win Recognition At Hayward Plant

WORKER EXPOSES VIGILANTES INVOLVED IN FIGHT

By a Worker Correspondent.

About three weeks ago we started organizing the Hayward Producers' Association, a cooperative composed of 1290 members who are farmers and live around Hayward.

In two days we signed up 17 out of 23 men employed there. We started the union on Tuesday, and on Thursday night, the management fired two of the men. We had already arranged a meeting for that Sunday to get the men together to talk over the union. Everyone came to this meeting and brought the money to pay initiation. They decided at that meeting to support the two men who had been fired, and to go out on strike the next day, which they did. A committee was elected to meet with the Board of Directors. This committee attempted to do so Monday night, but they refused to discuss the issue, and refused to hire the men back.

The next day the City Council of Hayward called the union and asked the representative to meet with the City Council. When this meeting took place, the representative found that this was not really a City Council, but only a group of business men who happened to be members of the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce. This group arranged a meeting with the Board of Directors for that night. At the meeting the Board of Directors refused to hire the men back. They said they would hire the rest of the men, but would not re-hire these two, and under union conditions, and that they would meet with the union for the purpose of collective bargaining.

NO CONCESSIONS

However, the committee said they had been instructed not to make any concessions until the men were again on the job. Last Monday night the union representative met again with the Board of Directors, and the proposal was made by the strikers that they would all go back to work under the old conditions with union recognition. They would submit the case of the two men who were fired to a membership vote of the Association and then they would meet with the Board of Directors to bargain collectively. The Board of Directors, although they had agreed the men should return under union conditions, refused to recognize the union.

The men today are still on strike. We are now circulating a petition getting signatures of 10 per cent of the membership to call a general meeting. Conditions are favorable for us in some ways. Although they have tried to hire strike-breakers, so far they have only eight men working, when they really need 23 men. Almost every farmer we have approached so far is in sympathy with the strikers.

For the past week the chief of police has been intimating that the "vigilantes" would take things into their own hands unless the strike was settled immediately. In Hayward there are about 200 organized vigilantes, led by some of the following citizens: Clarence Johnson, real estate man of Hayward; Councilman Cunha, a man who drove the truck into Oakland under police protection during the general strike, as a demonstration; Drake, manager of Montgomery-Ward's Store in Hayward.

Among the vigilantes are also three representatives of the California Conserving Company: Kenneth Sloan, Jimmy Proust, and Lawrence Laseur.

The vigilantes were principally organized to prevent the cannery workers in Hayward from organizing.

UNIFORM SLING LOAD GAINED BY LOCAL DOCKMEN

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have been heavier than in San Francisco.

I. S. U. MEMBERS AROUSED

SAN FRANCISCO.—With their Defense Attorney Aaron Sapiro back in town, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific will take up its fight to regain their charter funds, in Superior Court on March 10.

At the 51st anniversary meeting of the Sailors' Union, Attorney Sapiro declared, "We will fight until we get you back your property, your money and your name."

He also attacked the union-busting policies of V. Olander, retired international secretary of the I. S. U. and Paul Scharrenberg, California's own labor Judas.

The reactionary I. S. U. Executive Board has been called together in Chicago for a meeting for the middle of the week, according to a report in the capitalist press.

It is presumed that they are meeting to "discuss" the question of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific charter on hearing a report from Ivan Hunter, I. S. U. vice president who was recently on the Pacific Coast to "look over the situation."

Rank and file seamen from all Coasts are demanding of the Executive Board that they submit the major decisions of the Convention to a referendum vote of the entire membership.

The revocation of the S. U. P. charter and the dictatorial amendments of the I. S. U. Constitution are exceedingly unpopular with the rank and file and bitter resentment is crystallizing into organized protest against the rank-splitting tactics adopted by the shipowner-collaborating I. S. U. officials.

DISCRIMINATION SHOWN MODESTO BOYS PROTESTED

SAN QUENTIN Mar 6.—"How long have they been in?" This was the surprising question asked by Warden Holohan of a delegation from the Scaler's Union who paid a visit to the Modesto Boys at San Quentin.

Headed by Pete Garcia, vice-president of the union, the delegation protested against the discrimination being made against the victims of the Standard Oil frame-up.

In answer to their protests, Warden Holohan feigned ignorance and said, "I don't know what is going on."

Asked why it was that the Modesto boys were allowed only fifteen minutes to speak with visitors, while arch criminals received the full hour allotment of time, Holohan stated that he was unaware of it.

He then asked the delegation how long the Modesto Boys have been in prison.

Garcia reported that the Boys are in fairly good spirits and waiting expectantly for the result of the appeal which is to be handed down within 30 to 90 days.

Stalin Explains Democracy to Mr. Howard; Soviets Have No Basis for Opposing Parties at Election Time

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tem. Among other things, he declares:

FREEDOM—TO STARVE!

"We built this society not for the curbing of personal liberty, but in order that human personalities should really be free. We built it for the sake of real personal liberty, liberty without quotation marks.

"It is difficult for me to imagine what 'personal liberty' the unemployed can have who go hungry and cannot find utilization of their labor.

"Real liberty exists only where exploitation has been annihilated, where no oppression of some peoples by others exists, where there is no unemployment and pauperism, where a person does not tremble because tomorrow he may lose his job, home and bread. Only in such a society is real and not illusory personal and every other liberty possible."

Mr. Howard's blue pencil evidently objected to so practical a definition of personal liberty. Perhaps he remembered the garbage cans of American cities with the unemployed pawing the rotten contents, looking for something—anything—to eat.

DEMOCRACY

The discussion then turned to the new Soviet Constitution soon to be put into effect. Said Mr. Howard:

"A new constitution is being elaborated in the U. S. S. R. providing for a new system of elections. To what degree can this new system alter the situation in the U. S. S. R., since formally only one Party will come forward at elections?"

Stalin replied at length, but neither the question nor the reply found its way to the Scripps-Howard presses. Stalin said:

"We will adopt our new constitution probably at the end of this year . . . As was already anounced, in accordance with the new constitution, elections will be universal, equal, direct and secret.

"You are misled by the fact that only one Party will come forward at these elections. You do not see how there can be an election struggle under these conditions.

"FREE WORKERS"

"It is evident that election lists will be put out not only by the Communist Party, but by all kinds of public and non-Party organizations. And we have hundreds of such. We have no parties standing in opposition to each other, just as we have no class of capitalists and a class of workers exploited by capitalists in opposition to each other.

"Our society consists exclusively of free working people of cities and villages, workers, peasants, intelligentsia. Each of these strata may have its special interests and express them in numerous existing organizations.

"But as soon as there are no more classes, as soon as boundaries between classes are effaced, as soon as only a few but non-fundamental differences between various strata of the Socialist society remain—there no longer can be nourishing ground for the formation for Parties struggling among themselves.

RAPS FASCISTS

"Under National "Socialism" there is only one Party. But nothing will come out of this Fascist one-party system. The situation is that in Germany capitalism has remained, classes and class struggle have remained which all the same will break into the open, which includes also the field of struggle of parties representing opposing classes just as it broke through, in, let us say, Spain.

"In Italy also only one Party, namely the Fascist Party, exists, but for the same reasons and it will fare no better there either.

"Why will our elections be universal?

"Because all citizens, excluding those deprived of vote by court, will have the right to vote and the right to be elected.

"Why will our elections be equal?

"Because neither differences in regard to property (differences partly existing) nor differences of race and nationality will cause any privileges or disadvantages. Women will enjoy the right to elect and be elected equally with men. Our elections will be really equal.

"Why secret?

"Because we desire to give the Soviet people absolute liberty of voting for those they desire to elect, those who they trust to ensure their interests.

"Why direct?

"Because direct elections on the spot to all representative organs, up to the supreme organ, are a better guarantee of the interests of the working population of our boundless country.

"Do you think the election struggle will not exist? But it will exist, and I forsee a very animated election struggle . . .

"Have you or haven't you built a good school? Haven't you improved living conditions? Aren't you a bureaucrat? Have you helped to make our labor more effective, our life more cultured?

"Such will be the criteria with which millions of voters will approach candidates, casting away those who are unfit, striking them off lists, advancing better ones, nominating them for elections.

"Yes, the electoral struggle will be animated. It will proceed around numerous very sharp questions, namely practical questions having first-rate significance for the people.

WORKERS HOLD POWER

"Our new election system will spur on all institutions and organizations and will force them to improve their work. Universal, equal, direct and secret elections in the U. S. S. R. will be a whip in the hands of the population against poorly functioning organs of government.

"Our new Soviet constitution will, in my opinion, be the most democratic constitution of all those existing in the world."

Perhaps Mr. Roy Howard thought the American people would not be interested in democratic constitutions. Perhaps he felt the comparisons which Americans, reading the full report, might make would be too sharp. Or perhaps he thought the emphasis on Soviet preparedness for war might sell more papers and put a dangerous competitor in a bad light. Anyway, he blue penciled more than half of what Stalin told him.

Scab Sues ILA Local For $12,043 Damages

LOS ANGELES, March 7.—Suit for $12,043 damages was filed here yesterday against the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 138-82, by C. C. Robinson, lift truck operator, who charged he was injured by an attack of waterfront strikers.

Robinson, apparently a scab, stated that he was at work last April 17th when "striking members of the union attacked me and beat me so severely I was unable to work for three weeks and still require medical treatment."

He did not state how he knew his alleged attackers were I. L. A. members.

Combination subs for the Western and Sunday Workers are coming in nicely. They cost $3.00

HITLER CALLS FOR SHOWDOWN WITH NATIONS

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Paris on Tuesday, March 10th.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The League of Nations has called a special session for Friday, March 13th and has invited Germany to participate. Reports indicate that Germany will refuse.

Mussolini, recognizing an opportunity to distract attention from his floundering invasion of Ethiopia and bludgeon other powers into relaxing embargoes against Italy, is reported as assuring France of Italian support against the German move. Observers proclaim the gesture as insincere and an effort to conciliate France prior to the Italo-Ethiopian peace discussions before the League of Nations.

AFRICA WAR EASES

The invasion of Ethiopia is reported to have relaxed, although Mussolini vehemently proclaims his determination to increase hostilities at a later date.

Important among the problems which will face the League on Friday is the question of sanctions against Germany. It is reported that Germany will follow Mussolini's lead in replying to sanctions by threatening to plunge all Europe into war.

SHOW DOWN

Yet, if neither sanctions nor military actions are applied against Germany, it will mean that both the Versailles and Locarno treaties are meaningless and no longer binding.

Moscow newspapers have recognized the Rhineland move as a definite step nearer to war, though not necessarily with immediate results.

IN JAPAN

Japan has buried the murdered bodies of the cabinet members chosen by the people in recent elections and a new set is being appointed by Emperor Hirohito. A fifty-eight year old diplomat, Koki Hirota has been appointed premier by the emperor. Hirota, long known for his straddling attitude on all issues, has the reputation of being neither here nor there, this not that, right nor left, no liberal nor reactionary. He is adjudged an ideal "front" for the new dictatorship by extremist forces.

When Hirota was appointed foreign minister, two years ago, he received full approval of the military extremists.

STRATEGY

The task of selecting a new set of parliamentary puppets was approached with great delicacy by the emperor. Appointment of a bare-faced militarist would have drawn sharp protest from the rapidly growing radical forces. Selection of a confirmed liberal might have resulted in another massacre by the capitalist-controlled militarists. Hirota provided the needed political cipher which ostensibly grants all things to all men.

Moscow papers, undeceived by the pseudo-liberal face of the new government, predict a new and intense drive by Japan fulfilling the famous Tanaka plan of conquest. It is believed increased hostilities on the border of the Mongolian People's Republic are imminent.

Red Funeral to Be Held in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 7.—Funeral services will be held here Monday at 2 p. m. for Samuel Rubin, former teacher in the Los Angeles Workers' School, who died here last Thursday.

Although he was not a member of the Communist Party, Rubin was a loyal worker in the revolutionary movement.

Before he died, Rubin requested a Red Funeral, which will be held at his home, 7932 West Fourth street. He leaves a wife, who has also been active in revolutionary work.

A Strike in Germany

Ruhr Miners Besieged for Two Days; 400 Arrested

LONDON, Mar. 6.—For two days in the heart of Germany's richest coal field, an army of picked Prussian police conducted a full dress siege of several hundred German miners at the bottom of the Helene Mine, near Gerdler, in the Ruhr district.

An eye-witness account of this terrific affair, no word of which was permitted to appear in the German newspapers, reached London yesterday.

At the bottom of the whole business is the fact that preparations were going forward for the election of the German factory councils.

Last year, despite wholesale terror and espionage by the Nazi secret police and the bosses, the workers succeeded in electing large numbers of genuine working class representatives to the councils.

This shock for the Nazis was followed by a new terror wave which has been going on right through the last nine months.

The miners in the Ruhr district had already selected a secret list of trustworthy men who were to be put up at this year's elections in opposition to the official list of the Nazi candidates. News of the existence of this list, and of the other evidence of the state of opinion among the Ruhr miners, leaked to the Secret Police.

THE BIGGEST RAID

Forces were hurriedly mobilized for a huge secret police raid on the mining area. No less than four hundred miners were suddenly arrested, in one of the biggest actions of the kind carried out by the Nazi police since the coming of Hitler to power.

Among those arrested were a number of the men on the list for election to the Council. It would seem that this year the Nazis are trying to forestall any repitition of what happened at last year's elections.

THE PARTY LIVES AND FIGHTS

Ende Dezember — Der Sieg des Kommunismus ist nicht aufzuhalten! — Preis 15 Pfg.

Die Rote Fahne

Zentralorgan der Kommunistischen Partei Deutschlands (Sektion der Kommunistischen Internationale)

Genossel Leser! Dieses aus Deinem Bekanntenkreise jedem neuen Anschluß an die kämpferische Front des Proletariats. Sage deinen Freunden und Bekannten, daß sie die „Rote Fahne" abonnieren sollen.

Reichsausgabe

Begründet von Karl Liebknecht u. Rosa Luxemburg

Lesen - Weitergeben!

Genossel Leser! Denke daran, daß diese Zeitung jetzen den Boden mit tausenden Opfern der faschistischen Reaktion geschaffen ist. — Lese sie aufmerksam durch. — Gib sie weiter an Deine Arbeitskollegen.

Gewaltiger Sieg des proletarischen Internationalismus über das faschistische Brandstiftergesindel!

Der Proteststurm der Werktätigen der ganzen Welt zwingt das Blutgericht Hitlers zum Freispruch Dimitroffs, Torglers, Popoffs und Taneffs. — Verzehnfacht eure Kräfte zur restlosen Befreiung der vier Revolutionäre, zur Rettung des Führers der KPD. Genossen Thälmann und aller eingekerkerten Antifaschisten!

Despite all suppressive efforts of the Nazis, "Die Rote Fahne," the newspaper of the German Communists is still being printed and circulated by the underground organization. Above is a reproduction of the front page of one of the illegal issues. It is printed in fine type on thin paper, 5¾x9 inches, and can be folded and carried in small space.

STAY-DOWN MINERS

When the news of the raid and the arrests spread through the mining towns and villages of the Ruhr district, the men at the Gerdler pit determined on a sort of "stay down strike," partly as a protest, partly as a form of protection against piecemeal arrest.

They realized that if they all stayed down together and came out together it would be more difficult for the secret police to carry out their instructions.

They stayed down. The Secret police, who had been waiting for them to come up to arrest the known militants, were nonplussed.

BESIEGED

They telephoned for assistance from the uniformed police. The uniformed police turned out, and tried to get the men to come up from the mine.

The men refused. Police were then ordered to besiege the place, and a whole army of them was put on the job, some trying to drive the men from the mine, the others forming a cordon to prevent anyone getting out unobserved.

The siege continued for two whole days and nights. At the end of that time police finally fought their way into the pit and dragged out a number of men under arrest.

PROSPERITY

FRESNO, Mar. 7.—More than 500 names will be stricken from relief roles here before March 13, Earl W. Cummings, district WPA director, has announced. Immediate need for agricultural workers to harvest crops for the wealthy landowners of this section was given as reason for the act.

C.S. PRISONER BIRTHDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Albert Hougardy, prisoner No. 57590 at San Quentin, will have a birthday on March 23rd. He is one of the eight working class organizers railroaded to sentences of one to fourteeen years in the infamous Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial. Friends and sympathizers are urged to send him greetings. He will be thirty-six years old.

CHINA GENERAL WILL BE FETED AT S. F. DINNER

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—General Fang Chen Wu, heroic commander of China's 6th Route Army, will be feted here on March 15th at a banquet at the Far East Cafe, 631 Grant Ave., 6:30 p. m.

Representatives from many organizations and unions will be present to greet the famous anti-imperialist fighter.

Redfern Mason, former president of the Northern California Newspaper Guild and recently a candidate for mayor on the United Labor ticket will be toastmaster of the evening.

Reservations may be made at 60 cents per plate by phoning Underhill 9173.

General Fang was formerly governor of Anhuei province, is a member of the National government and the central executive committee of the Nationalist Party. He was one of the organizers of the Chinese People's Army in 1928 and commander of the 6th Route Army. He fought the Japanese army in Tsinan, Shangtung province in 1933 and was commander in chief of the "Anti-Japanese and Save China Expeditionary Army" and fought the Japanese army at Charhar and Jehol.

More than 2000 Chinese crowded the Chinese playground here last Sunday to greet the general. They passed a unanimous resolution for a united front of all Chinese forces in San Francisco to back an anti imperialist program.

Why California Agricultural Workers Look to Communism

A FEW VOICES OUT OF THE FIELDS

"We ordinarily think of slums as peculiar evils of metropolitan centers. They are not. Out in rural sections are slums indescribably worse."—Rexford G. Tugwell, Resettlement administrator.

Thirty-seven thousand families of American whites entered California during 1935, at the end of a long immigrant line of Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Negroes, Hindustanis, Mexicans, Filipinos, to serve the crops and farmers of the state.

Dr. Tugwell states:

"No one can estimate accurately what the process of deterioration in rural areas has done to human beings. You see the outward evidences in sunken, pale, defeated faces, in ragged, undernourished children, in ramshackle housing conditions, with families of ten and twelve living in one and two rooms.....

WAGES

Agricultural wages vary from 15 to 25 cents an hour. The average yearly income of a California farm worker is $251.

A migrant:

"Livin? It's kind of sorry. You work a while, then lay up a little, then go broke, and then move. You wait for work two weeks, then fight like flies for the work. You eat it up faster than you can make it."

From Imperial Valley the migrants follow the harvest to the San Joaquin, Santa Clara and Sacramento Valley. Upon the labor of the 200,000 migrant farm workers the crops of California depend.

OFFICIAL REPORT

U. S. Special Commission report:

"We found filth, squalor, an entire absence of sanitation, and a crowding of human beings into totally inadequate tents or crude structures built of boards, weeds and anything that was found at hand to give a pitiful semblance of a home. Words cannot describe some of the conditions we saw."

THE OWNERS

California Lands, Inc., owned by Transamerica Corp., is the biggest California "farmer." The parent company showed a net profit for 1935 of $20,000,000.

A single farm worker:

"Livin' a bum's life soon makes a bum out of you. You get started and can't stop."

Wealthy growers are violently opposing the plan of the Resettlement Administration to provide decent housing for the migrants.

Alex Johnson, secretary of the California Farm Bureau Federation:

"California has its slaves, slaves of bankers and commission men. We have a system of slavery here worse than the slavery of the South. The South felt a moral obligation to its slaves. We have slaves here toward whom nobody feels any obligation."

VIGILANTE VOICE

San Joaquin Valley grower:

"We won't have no organization of our laborers. We'll stop them in our own way. How? We'll start shooting if they interfere with our labor that's working."

Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker and the other Criminal Syndicalism prisoners helped organize the migratory workers.

Judge Dal Lemmon:

"An indeterminate sentence of from one to 14 years in state prison."

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

A WANDERING HOMESTEAD

Thousands of families travel from crop to crop in dilapidated cars like this with all their belongings strapped on. You don't have to take the word of the Communists for these deplorable conditions. Go and look for yourself or read the voices in the accompanying article.

LABOR COUNCIL URGES FREEDOM OF C. S. VICTIMS

ORGANIZATIONS URGED TO MAKE APPEALS TO PAROLE BOARD

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Full text of the resolution for the freedom of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners, passed by the San Francisco Labor Council on January 31st, follows:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Five men and three women were convicted in the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento about a year ago for violation of the criminal syndicalism act, and said persons are now confined in prison; and

Whereas, Said persons were acquitted of the charge of committing any acts of violence, and it therefore appears that said persons are being solely imprisoned for holding certain political and economic opinions, and attempting organization of agricultural workers of our state; and

Whereas, Organized labor, many newspapers and prominent citizens have repeatedly urged repeal of the criminal syndicalism act; now therefore be it

Resolved, That San Francisco Labor Council herewith petitions the State Board of Prison Terms to carefully consider all the facts and circumstances and the law involved in the above convictions and fix the sentence of said persons at the minimum term allowed by law; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the three members of the board, namely Hon. Frank C. Sykes, Kohl Building, San Francisco; Hon. Joseph H. Stephens, president, Sacramento; and Hon. David F. Bush, Oakdale, Calif., and copies be given to the press.

The California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, 68 Haight street, San Francisco, urges all organizations and unions to pass similar resolutions. The cases of the prisoners will come up for consideration by the board late in April or early in May.

--- BEHIND THE WALLS OF THE SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY ---

The Bagley-McNabb Caper—Two Convicts Try to Shoot Their Way Out—Jim McNamara Framed By Guards

This is the second of a series of articles written by a man just released from San Quentin penitentiary. They throw a sharp light on the present shady situation surrounding the resignation of Warden Holohan.

THE BAGLEY-M'NABB CAPER

McNabb was brought to San Quentin from Folsom because the prison officials thought he would be dangerous as long as he was near his partner Samsull. He manufactured some crude guns right under the eyes of the San Quentin guards and on a foggy day he and Bagley tried to shoot their way out. They failed, were caught and stripped of a lltheir clothing before being taken to the Captain's office for questioning. Eyewitnesses assert they never saw two men walk so straight with their heads up, unafraid as they did when being marched to the Porch (as the Captain's office is called).

The men on the condemned row heard all the shooting and noise and surmised something was amiss. They could see the porch from their cells, so when Bagley and McNabb came across their line of vision they watched intently. It didn't take the guards on the Porch long to get the torture started. They sapped both convicts around with everything they could lay hands on. McNabb could barely crawl when he left that torture chamber, Bagely could walk but with great difficulty.

ON TRIAL

Of course they were placed on trial. The home-made gun which McNabb was using went off accidentally and killed a convict. MacNabb was known to have uttered: "Goddamit, that had to happen just at a time like this." But they were not tried for killing the convict, they were tried for escaping, or attempting to escape.

At his trial McNabb was quoted as saying: "We have been beaten up so many times we are almost insensible to pain. We have been starved continually and if the rope which you are going to give us now can be any worse than the torture we have gone through, then bring on the goddam rope and let's get it over with."

Jim McNamara, noblest and most admired prisoner in San Quentin, and the oldest class-war prisoner in America, was working on the condemned row when the escape attempt of McNabb and Bagely came off.

It was Jim's duties to carry buckets of food to the condemned men and to attend to their wants, especially when they are locked in their cells. But no one is allowed to go near or approach a condemned man without a guard along. When Jim fed the condemned men he carried the buckets on his arm and as the guard got to each cell Jim handed him the bucket. The guard places each bucket within the cell and after all have been fed no one is even allowed along the tier where the condemned men are kept, and that included Jim as well.

CONDEMNED ROW

When Bagely and McNabb were being tried they were located on this tier. As the entire group of condemned men are taken out to a small yard and allowed an hour of exercise each day, they could talk without interference. McNabb was agreeably surprised to find the condemned men knew that he had been so badly beaten on the day of his attempted escape. He took their names and numbers and when he went to trial he had his attorney issue subpoenas for them to appear in court and tell what they knew of his beatings. (Here it might be well to mention that the Californit Penal Code forbids the beating or torturing of any convict while serving a sentence in a state prison.)

Two guards carried an intense hate against Jim McNamara. They are still working in prison, one the hangman, Fred Hogoboom, the other a yard guard, Pete Richardson. They had been laying for Jim for many years. Now, they thought, the time has come to get Jim off that job. Going to the officials they cooked up the story that Jim had been the one who had provided Bagely and McNabb with the names and numbers of the condemned men so they could be summoned to court.

CRUDE FRAME-UP

That men hired by the State of California to keep convicts from misbehaving would stoop to such vile and low practices just to get the oldest prisoner in San Quentin removed from a job he had held ten and more years, is unbelievable. Jim was astonished when confronted with such a grossly framed up story. But not for a minute did Jim doubt that he was being made a scapegoat to cover up some glaring mistakes of the guards.

When informed of the charge he simply said, "If you will explain how I can talk to a condemned man when I am liable to be shot for going near their cells without a guard along, I might be able to learn something, but this is only a downright damnable lie and you know it. The word of a convict will not be taken against a guard, so go ahead and do what you want with me."

He was put to sweeping the floor in one of the cell blocks. At that time he had nearly twenty-three years of prison life behind him.

THE REASON

What was the reason behind all this? It couldn't all be personal animosity, because Jim spoke to quite a number of guards and many of them respected him highly. The hangman had a special reason, and there is no doubt that the close cooperation of Guards Hogoboom, Pete Richardson, "Square-Deal" Haney and Sam Harris gave rise to the thought that they were being pushed from behind. Later it came out that they had been given specific orders to push Jim McNamara around and, if possible provoke him into an argument, so that if he should raise a hand to one of the guards he would be shot on the spot! Therefore, from facts that afterwards came out it can be definitely stated that both the Warden (James B. Holohan) and the two State Prison Boards were a party to the conspiracy to have Jim McNamara killed.

Why?

Because Jim was the best-known, the kindest and most admired man who had ever served time in an American prison. Because, and this is of great importance, he had GIVEN HIS LIFE FOR THE WORKING CLASS, an act which capitalist America cannot forgive. Condemned men on their last mile to the scaffold always waved a farewell greeting to him. Many of them told the hangman as they mounted the steps, "Tell Jim McNamara that I said goodbye to him." The hardest and toughest criminals considered it an honor to be able to say, "I was talking with Jim McNamara today. Jesus, heza heluva good guy. I never knew he was such a nice guy."

SPECIAL REASONS

Sam Harris and "Square-Deal" Haney had special reasons for wanting to get Jim out of the way. They had framed a young runner who Jim knew. A friend of the runner came to Jim and asked him to expose the frame-up. Jim swung into action at once. He hates frame-ups and will aid any convict if he thinks he has been victimized. Jim was able to prove to one or two of the more sensible guards that it was such a crude frame-up that they, alarmed, requested the Warden to release the young con from the dungeon. As usual, the Warden postponed action until he could listen to the framers' yarn.

By that time Jim had told some of his visitors about the case and these, knowing Jim's goodness, brought such terrific pressure to bear that the young fellow was taken out of the hole.

Later it was established that the young fellow had sought to prove his innocence but could not obtain an audience with the warden. His vindication brought a troubled conscience to the prison officials. They offered him a good easy job with better food, and as he was doing the book (life) he accepted. Jim McNamara by his noble act had made a friend that actually worshipped him.

"SIBERIA"

After the court had convicted McNabb and Bagely, the guards placed them in the newly-constructed South-Block Cellhouse on the top floor, a section entirely cut off from the rest of the prison, a place the convicts call "Siberia." They were carefully stripped and searched. A few of the wise-crackers claim the guards looked under McNabb's toe-nails to see if he had held out anything on them.

A short while before they were hung the prison was thrown into another uproar when it became known that Bagely had got out of his cell in Siberia, whacked the guard over the head, and was in turn knocked out by the convict who was runner in "Siberia." It is unimportant to mention this rat by name, it would not only dirty the page, but give him an idea he was a "hero."

A full account of this has never been given out, simply because the reporters of the capitalist papers must depend on the "hand-out" given them by the prison officials. Hence, their garbled accounts.

THE FACTS

From witnesses who were in "Siberia" at the time a number of facts have been brought to light that place the prison officials in a rather peculiar position. First: How was it possible for Bagely to get saw blades into the impregnable "Siberia?"

Two convicts and a guard are the only ones allowed entrance there; the convicts being trusted rats, the guard, one who has worked a long time in the prison. Second: the whole affair took less than a minute, Bagely hit the guard, the rat hit Bagely. What was this rat doing so close to Bagely's cell when the lights were all out, and his business was to stay at the other end of Siberia, fully 200 feet away? Whether or not he knew that Bagely would slip out through the cut bars the moment the lights went off, it appears that he must have stood behind Bagely and waited until the guard was struck while making his rounds, then he crashed a loaded cane down on the head of Bagely. Moreover, the loaded cane was left at the desk by the guard when he started making his rounds.

Anynow, the Warden recommended that the rat be given a parole. He had been a policeman on the Los Angeles force before coming to prison for an unusually brutal crime. The Prison Board and the Fascist agencies of the State find such rats useful. What for? They make excellent tools in the hands of fink agencies to spy on workers. This rat is reputed to be working for a private detective agency in Los Angeles where his "talents" will certainly be applied to the "wonderful" pursuit of spying on workers' organizations.

AND THIS IS THE TYPE OF CRIMINAL THE PAROLE BOARD FREES WHILE THE SACRAMENTO DEFENDANTS LANGUISH BEHIND BARS, CHARGED ONLY WITH THE CRIME OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

DEATH

Well . . . they hung McNabb and Bagely. They dotted the walls with an unusually large force of armed guards while the "California Holiday" was taking place. There was no disturbance that Friday in the prison yard. The convicts had better ideas than allowing themselves to be shot down like dogs. That night when the bell rang in the various cell houses to signify "music hour" (when portable phonographs and musical instruments can be played in the cell) there was a silence . . . a few coughs were heard . . . domino games were stilled, and the prison was quieter than when all the lights are turned off. The convicts were offering a silent tribute to the lifeless bodies of Bagely and McNabb. For three nights this same procedure continued. "For," the convicts said, "if we are forced to go without music when some peanut politician dies why can't we go without it when one of our own pals is killed."

It was by far the greatest display of solidarity ever made for two convicts, even though they were dead. That five thousand convicts would stand together in silent demonstration for Bagely and McNabb was too much for the prison guards and officials. It scared them into a jittery stage from which they have not recovered.

(Next issue: "A DYNASTY FADES AWAY.")

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Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

During the last two months, with the concentrated efforts of our entire Party membership, 519 new members were added to our ranks. For the first time since the General Strike of 1934 we carried through a successful recruiting drive—not only reaching the goal set, but going over the top. The District Committee congratulates the entire Party on this splendid work and wants to give honorary mention to such sections as San Mateo which doubled its membership, to Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino who practically doubled the original quota, and to Los Angeles, East Bay, Stockton, Merced, San Diego, Sonoma, who also went over the top.

ONE-FIFTH FROM A. F. L.

A special outstanding feature of this drive has been the fact that more than one-fifth of those recruited were members of the American Federation of Labor, an example of what we REALLY could do if every member of our Party who is active in the trade unions would take seriously the need of drawing in active trade unionists.

One weakness stands out above all (and there are many) despite the good work. We recruited only 14 Negro workers—ten of whom come from Los Angeles. East Bay, which has conducted excellent work in preparation for the American Negro Congress did not recruit a single Negro worker. The failure to recruit Negro workers only means that our Party is not yet awake to the problems of the Negro people.

AN ALARM

Can we now fold our hands and say the job is done? Emphatically NO. Here we must issue a warning—in fact an alarm to every member. The dues payments during the month of February show that these members have not yet been assimilated. Not only that—the dues payments reached the lowest point since November, 1935. This shows an impermissible looseness—a failure to pay attention to this important political task of making every member a regular dues-paying member. This looseness was responsible for the loss of nearly 2000 members during 1935 alone. If this continues the good work in recruiting will also be lost.

We know our Party has the energy, the will and the means to overcome this weakness. The goal now set, to have 3100 good-standing members in our Party by May, is a remarkable task—a task which we will fulfill as we fulfilled the recruiting drive. But this means that we must KEEP EVERY MEMBER OF THE 519 RECRUITED—AND EVERY ONE OF THE 2500 REGISTERED IN JANUARY, 1936.

UNIT WORK

To keep our members we must devote our attention to transforming our units into active political bodies so that every Party member will feel that to miss a unit meeting means to miss that lively guidance which he needs for effective work among his fellow workers. The new members themselves will help us in this. We propose that the section organizers shall meet with the new members, not only to give them a better understanding of the Party, but also to learn from them. These new members can tell us many things that are wrong with our units. They can let us know what they expected to find and what they actually did find.

The leading comrades in the sections shall hold conferences with the unit organizers to discuss the work of the units and what is needed to activize them. Leading comrades shall then visit the units for a period of several weeks and help the members to work out simple tasks in the trade unions, in the mass organizations, in the neighborhoods around the main issues which the workers face in those respective fields.

OVERHAULING UNITS

Meetings shall be held with groups of activists who should be asked to cooperate with the leading committees to begin this serious overhauling of the work of our units.

The new members just drawn into the Party shall be carefully guided not only through the new members classes but through personal attention by an older comrade, preferably the unit organizer. We know that the majority of the new members are not yet attending these new members classes. We have to take every possible step to guarantee that every new member is involved in a class. The leading comrades of the sections are made responsible to personally supervise this.

Comrades, we can and must keep every member. We can and must reach 3100 dues-paying members by May. With the same determination with which everyone of you carried out the splendid recruiting drive—let us put a stop to fluctuatoin. EVERY MEMBER A DUES-PAYING MEMBER BY MAY.

NATIONAL I.S.U. REFERENDUM ON CONVENTION ACT IS DEMANDED

Rank and File Fight for Return of SUP Charter; Constitution Denounced

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—While reactionary East Coast officials strive to break the fast growing unity developing between the seamen on all coasts, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific and the Marine Firemen, Oilers' Union adopted the following resolution, signifying their intention to continue the fight for a national rank and file controlled International Seamen's Union.

WHEREAS: The delegates to the 33rd Convention of the International Seamen's Union of America, were, with the exception of the Pacific Coast delegates, not duly elected, as is required by the Constitution of the I. S. U. of A. and therefore, were not truly representative of the I. S. U. of A. membership, thereby strongly indicating that the actions taken at this Convention could not at all have been in conformance with the desires of the membership, and

WHEREAS: The Convention has arbitrarily revoked the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, for various reasons such as alleged violations of the International Constitution or agreements, and

SUP NOT NOTIFIED

WHEREAS: In revoking the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific the I. S. U. Convention did not notify the Sailors' Union of any charges, or at any time request or demand that action be taken by the local union to correct or rescind any action alleged in violation of the International Constitution or agreements, and

ISU VIOLATE OWN PACT

WHEREAS: The agreement by which work was resumed after the 1934 strike provides that all men who were then employed on ships and had not been employed prior to the strike were considered strikebreakers, and as such were to be discharged, and any organization other than the Sailors' Union of the Pacific would be composed of such men, the employment of which would be a direct violation of the agreement of the San Francisco General Strike, and

WHEREAS: Certain Constitutional amendments were passed upon by the Convention, which by their nature, are an immediate menace to the democratic control and general well-being of all District unions of the I. S. U. of A., even refusing the members the right to vote on major issues such as whether or not they favor a strike, etc., and

DICTATOR CONTROL

WHEREAS: These Actions, whether merited or not, will split up and weaken not only the already well organized Sailors' Union of the Pacific, but all marine workers organized in the various maritime unions of the Pacific Coast and will eliminate any democratic control of the organizations as has been attained and place all control into the dictatorial hands of the National Executive Committee of the ISU of A., and

WHEREAS: These actions will render the maritime unions easy victims for attacks by employers and constitutes an attack against the fundamental, democratic, trade union rights in all crafts, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this organization shall hereby go on record as demanding that the National Executive Committee of the ISU of A. immediately institute a referendum vote of the entire membership of the ISU on the ratification or rejection of all major actions of the 33rd Convention of the ISU including particularly, the actions regarding the Constitutional Amendments and the revocation of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific; such referendum to be participated in by all bona-fide members of all District Unions of the ISU including the membership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and be it further

RANK AND FILE VOTE

RESOLVED: That such referendum shall be supervised by a democratically elected balloting committee, which shall consist of one member from each of the constituent district unions of the ISU including the S.U. of P. and the results, thereof, shall be considered as final and binding upon officials and membership of the ISU and be it finally

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution shall be immediately sent to the National Executive Committee of the ISU and to all locals and branches of the Sailors' Union in all Districts of the I.S.U. and to the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Labor Council, and to the State Federation of Labor, and to the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. and to all Labor press in California, Oregon and Washington.

JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETING

FRAZIER - LUNDEEN BILL KEYNOTE OF NEW YORK CONVENTION

Energetic support of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill is the keynote of a call for a New York Conference for Social and Labor Legislation to be held on March 21 at the Hotel Delano.

Pauline Rogers, Secretary of the New York Joint Action Committee for Genuine Social Insurance stated that this conference is being held in preparation for the National Congress to be held in Washington about April 4, 5, and 6th. "The New York campaign," she stated, "for the popularization of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill is under way. A large mass meeting will be held on March 29th at which representatives from Washington will be present to discuss various aspects of social insurance. The building of local social insurance clubs on a congressional district basis has already been started in three sections of New York and is spreading fast to other sections of the city. Hundreds of resolutions for the endorsement of the Bill have been circulated among the organizations in New York. There is a great interest for the Bill among certain professional and fraternal organizations, as well as among unions."

Post cards on the Frazier-Lundeen Bill, pamphlets and copies of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill and resolutions for endorsement are available at the New York Joint Action Committee, 799 Broadway, Room 438. Organizations should order this material as soon as possible.

Christening of Tom Mooney YCL Branch, Mar. 15

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5.—The official christening of the Tom Mooney Branch of the Young Communist Leage will take place at a dinner to be given at the Boys' Dairy Lunch, 15 Market street, Sunday evening, March 15, at 6:30.

Archie Brown will be toastmaster. Speakers will include Ben Dobbs, president of the branch and representatives from the Mooney and Modesto Defense Committees. Lorine Norman, C. S. prisoner out on bail pending appeal will speak on the Criminal Syndicalism frame-up.

A reading by Ben Legere of the San Francisco Democratic Council and musical numbers will complete the program. Dinner will be 35 cents per plate. Reservations can be made at the Young Communist League offices, second floor, 121 Haight street.

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CONTRA COSTA SECTION HAS FULFILLED ITS QUOTA; AND WHERE WAS MAJOR SANBORN?

The Contra Costa section is the latest to go over the top in the drive to raise a $7500 sustaining fund for the Western Worker. Contra Costa's quota was $50, and with $8.43 turned in this week they have fulfilled it 100 per cent.

Major Sanborn, editor of the hysterical, red-baiting American Citizen, has been attempting to organize a vigilante force in Crockett, where much Contra Costa County's heavy industry is located. We think the Major may be slipping, or why can't he stop the workers in his own territory from supporting their paper?

The major, in his paper, has expounded at length on how Communists, in their unit meetings, browbeat themselves into giving the last cent out of their own pockets for tickets, donations, etc. Just why we should be so mean to ourselves is a mystery. In selling tickets for admittance to the Clay International Theater where the Soviet film, "Frontier" will be showing, beginning March 21, the Party members and sympathetic workers complain they don't get enough tickets to sell. Last night a comrade came back for an additional 150.

Ten cents out of every admission sold goes to the Western Worker sustaining fund.

San Francisco section plans a "Victory Affair" on March 29, at 121 Haight street, to celebrate its fulfillment of its quota. Los Angeles plans another, a concert, at the Mason Opera House and a Cabaret at 230 Spring street, to celebrate their fulfillment of their quota.

You have just three weeks before the drive closes to get those quotas.

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Unit 2, North Beach Sub-section	5.00	
Unit 4, North Beach Sub-section	2.15	
Unit 7, North Beach Sub-section	5.00	
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Unit 5 Mission Sub-section	1.25	
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Unit 4, Downtown Sub-section	2.50	
Unit 3, Downtown Sub-section	5.45	
Unit 5, Downton Sub-section	1.00	
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Total Received Feb. 29th to March 7th		$ 308.63
Acknowledged previously		5100.87
Total raised to March 7, 1936		$5409.50
Yet to be raised		2090.50
QUOTA		$7500.00

EAST COAST SEAMEN PLEDGING NATIONAL UNITY WITHIN I.S.U.

SUP Convention Delegate Cites Need for Democratic Control of International

(Statement by Al. V. Quittenton, delegate to the recent national convention of the International Seamen's Union of America, assistant secretary-treasurer, Sailors' Union of the Pacific).

FROM THE VOICE OF THE FEDERATION

The seamen, both on the West and East Coast, are determined more than ever to unite against not only our arrogant employers but also the splitting tactics of certain delegates to the recent I. S. U. of A. convention, in recommending the revocation of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific for refusing to yield to the mandates and policies of a dictatorial Executive Board.

This action was taken of course to be able to outlaw the militants and endeavour to separate and divide us from the ever growing militancy of our brothers on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. The members on the East Coast however are not blind to these manoeuvers and are now showing a United Front not only against the shipowners but also any officials of the Unions who use such tactics to the detriment of the general membership of all our Unions.

We on the West Coast are exceedingly grateful to our Eastern Brothers for their support in our efforts to regain our charter.

We shall fight united with them more determinedly than ever before to stave off any such attacks as are now being directed against us.

The majority of the rank and file are not interested in fighting and quarrelling among each other. On the contrary we realize the importance of mobilizing all our forces for United Action against not only the ship owners, bankers and industrialists, but also against any Union officials who will dare to attempt to split our ranks.

These sentiments are being expressed by the Eastern and Gulf Seamen, by printing, circulating and signing the following cards, which express their true Union spirit in attempting to build a National Maritime Federation, a great economic army of all maritime workers.

CARD ADDRESSED TO HARRY LUNDEBERG;

Secretary to the 7,000 members of the Sailors Union of the Pacific:

GREETINGS;

I pledge full support to your demands for the return of your charter. Your expulsion by the Convention, which does not meet with my approval, weakens and endangers our union. Your fight is our fight, because without unity between East and West through a powerful rank and file controlled International Seamen's Union, we cannot defeat the shipowners.

Signed..... Book No ..

CARD ADDRESSED TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE I. S. U. of A.:

As a loyal member of the Eastern and Gulf Districts of the ISU I endorse the petition of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific for the return of their charter which was revoked by the National Convention.

I am opposed to any changes in the International Constitution unless voted for in an International referendum.

I call upon the Executive Committee to respect the rights of the membership by conducting an international referendum on any constitutional changes and for the return of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

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RIP TIDES . . . . By LeMae

"NO VIGILANTES ALLOWED"

(Based on an Actual Occurrence)

The five-ton truck lumbered to a stop in front of the Union Hall. Shorty untangled himself from behind the steering wheel and swung his chunky body to the sidewalk. With a scowl on his face he stormed into the hall.

The meeting was under way. Shorty pushed his way through the crowd in the rear. "Mr. president, I've gotta beef on my mind and I want it explained right now."

Without waiting for recognition from the chair he continued, "I was delivering a load to a WPA project on the way home this afternoon. While the men were unloading the truck, some guy walks up to me. Takes a look at my union button and says, 'That's a fine bunch of b—s ya' got in that outfit. Nothing but two-bit vigilantes.'"

Shorty eyed the membership. "I was measuring that guy for a good bust in the jaw as I asked him what the hell he meant by calling the Teamsters' Union a bunch of b—s. He handed me this." From his shirt pocket Shorty withdrew a clipping, tossed it on the secretary's desk and said, "I want this read, then maybe the rest of the fellows will savvy why I didn't paste that WPA worker."

"He's out of order," the Big Shot cautioned the chairman.

"Read it," the meeting hollered.

Like he was reaching for a lighted cannon, the secretary picked up the clipping. "It's about the Disaster Plan," he announced and began reading. "— — it is a rather clumsily-veiled instrument for giving unlimited power to vigilantes . . . the Disaster Plan Committee is comprised of Mayor C—, J. B. of the Chamber of Commerce, E. Z. of the American Legion and C. R. of the Teamsters—"

Shorty spun around to the membership and cut in, "Yeh, now do you guys understand why that WPA fellow called us a bunch of vigilante b—s? I want to know what the hell this is all about. What are we doing mixed up with that pot-bellied gang from the Chamber of Commerce and a bunch of booze-artist Legionaires. Them lousy s—b—s never have done us any good. All they ever do is gang up on a bunch of working stiffs like us. If this keeps up Ch—sake we'll have to join the National Guard to protect ourselves. And this ain't the first time I've heard cracks about our Union," Shorty concluded.

Voices rose to a loud murmur. "He's right," someone hollered from the rear.

The Big Shot raised his hand. "Listen you fellows," he pleaded, "You know me. You know damn well I've always had your interests at heart. I'll tell you what it's all about. The mayor called me up and asked me if I'd serve on this Disaster Plan Committee. Well—I figured I might as well serve on it. If it isa phoney proposition then I'll be in a position to protect you men. But, it ain't phoney. It's only in case of earthquakes or fires—you know, stuff like that. We got nothing to worry about—it's on the level." The Big Shot sighed with relief inwardly as the rows of scowls began to fade. He stiffened.

"Goddam it, ya' know where this clipping comes from. It's from that damn Communist magazine, the Pacific Weekly, that's printed in Carmel. They're all Communists down there!" Big Shot screamed. He began to hit his accustomed stride. "The Disaster Plan is okay, I tell you, but these dam Communists are twisting the whole thing around for their own purposes. Ch— they're trying to run the whole goddam Bay. We gotta keep them out."

Misled by the silence of the men, Big Shot gazed at them belligerently, "Well—does anybody want to speak in favor of 'em? You—you've been doing a lot of talking,—how about it?" he challenged a rank and filer sitting in the front row.

"Sure I want to talk—I'm boiling over," the member addressed snapped back as he took the floor. "Shorty is right," he began. "What the hell ARE we doing mixed up with this dirty bunch of labor-haters. It was only a few months ago that some of those same yellow rats went up to Santa Rosa. You guys remember what they did to a bunch of working stiffs like ourselves—and all they were doing was trying to organize.

"Damn it—every time the boss wants any workers beaten up all he has to do is call 'em Communists and sic the teamsters on them.

"Ch—, it's bad enough to have fellows in your own union going around beating up his own kind without having your officials sleeping with a bunch of vigilantes—I tell you we gotta vote this down," the rank and filer shouted excitedly.

"There ain't any motion on the floor—you're out of order," Big Shot broke in, from behind the chair.

"Well—I'll make a motion then" Shorty leaped to his feet. "I make a motion that we instruct our official to get the hell off that Disaster Plan Committee and to tell the mayor to keep the name of the Teamsters' Union to hell out of that vigilante plan."

The chairman didn't bother to put it to a vote as the entire membership roared, "Second it."

The March of the Mexican Miners

Caravan of Protest Demands American Mine Owners Be Expelled from Country

This march of the Mexican miners was briefly reported as a "hunger march" by the capitalist papers in this country. Since the facts of the struggles of the Latin American peoples against imperialist exploitation might embarrass the Wall Street Government if too thoroughly understood here, such distortions of events of this nature are to be expected. None of the capitalist papers reported that these miners wanted their American bosses kicked out of their country.

(By Special Western Worker Correspondent)

MEXICO CITY, February 28.—One of the most important demonstrations against American imperialist exploitation occurred two weeks ago with the arrival in the capital of 600 miners from the State of Guanajuato, come to protest to the National Government against the American-owned Guanajuato Reduction Company. For four months the miners had been on strike against the company, demanding higher wages and adequate protection against dangerous working conditions which have already resulted in the deaths of many workers from silicosis.

The American managers, MacDonald and Smith attempted to starve the miners into submission, refusing all attempts to arbitrate the strike. As a last resort the miners formed a caravan and, carrying posters demanding the expulsion from Mexico of the "pernicious foreigners MacDonald and Smith," set out on the long 265-mile walk to Mexico City, arriving 14 days later with bleeding and calloused feet and bearing with them one of their number—Luis Chavez—who died on the way as a result of silicosis poisoning.

RAILROAD UNION

Outside the city limits the "Caravan of Protest" was met by delegations of workers who joined the miners and marched with them into Mexico City through streets which were blocked off from traffic by government orders, past the Cathedral of Mexico and Alameda Park to the headquarters of the Railroad Workers' Union where a meeting was held.

Many speakers addressed the meeting, including Miquel Velasco of the newly-formed Confederation of Mexican Workers. The leader of the miners, Tomas Ulloa said:

"We are miners. We go fifteen or two thousand feet down into the earth to extract the precious metals. But what happens to the silver which we extract with our hands at the danger of our lives? It goes to America where it is used to build big buildings in Wall Street and to buy expensive automobiles for the American owners to ride about in."

Saturday night the body of the dead miner lay in state in the hall of the Railroad Workers' Union, covered with the red flag of the miners' union and flanked with banners of the People's Front Against Imperialism, the Communist Youth and of many trade unions. The miners were given food and accommodations in the Department of Labor building.

A PLEDGE

On Sunday, March 1, occurred the funeral which was attended by representatives of all the trade unions in Mexico. The chief speaker again was Ulloa, leader of the miners' caravan. Pointing to the coffin draped with the red flag, Ulloa said:

"Here lies Luis Chavez who wasn't able to arrive on foot with us because he died on the way of silicosis. Here lies one who was in the forefront of the strike along with his comrades, but who was weak even at that time, because the North American octopus had sucked away his life blood. As he died, so have died our fathers, brothers and grandfathers. But we are not going to let our children die like that!"

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Monday, March 2.—The Mexican Government announced today through the columns of El National, that MacDonald and Smith have been forced to submit to arbitration; that the government-assigned arbitrator is on his way to Guanajuato. It is also reported that sometime today the miners will be received by President Cardenas at the National Palace.

SOLIDARITY—SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE

Louis Chavez worked in a Mexican silver mine in Guanajuato. He got silicosis, because the American owners ignored pleas for safety measures. Chavez and his fellow workers struck. Facing starvation, 600 of them undertook a 265-mile march to Mexico City to demand that the foreign exploiters be expelled from the country. Chavez died on the way, but his comrades saw to it he finished the march—in his coffin. Above is pictured the head of his funeral cortege in Mexico City. The Syndicate of Railroad Workers preceded the casket, which was draped with a red flag. Observe the red flag of the Communist Party of Mexico in the background.

Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

POISONING ON RELIEF

Imperial Valley, that land of the lynch-rope and dungeon for labor organizers, shows us what is in store for workers throughout the country if we allow fascism to be thrust upon us. R. N., whose letter is printed below, shows us how his body has become wracked with pain and disease, probably through the intentional neglect of Imperial Valley relief officials.

El Centro, Calif.

Dear Sir:

When it first started was about the last week in June, 1935. I had a kind of dizzy attack and palpitation of the heart, or I thought it was. I have a gassy stomach, when I expel gas, I get relief. I had several doctors to wait on me and they would name it different things; also the doctor said I had pyorrhea, trench mouth, and I've had four teeth pulled out, and treatments for that; and didn't any of them do me any good for over two or three days at a time. The medical doctors especially.

Later on it seems like it gets worse along and along. I had a pain in my right side around my breast that runs through my body. Now it's in my back, from the middle up. In my throat and under my collar bone it's a place there seems to ache, it's also hard to breathe. My stomach is gassy and seems like there is gas in my lungs. And my stomach seems full all the time. When I expel gas I get relief. The bottom of my feet gets kind of cold, especially when I feel bad, and when I place them in a hot pan of water I get some relief. The fourth tooth of the lower jaw passes pus all the time now. I have used ten medical doctors, two dentists, one throat doctor, and I have had three weeks' treatments of the spinal cord. I have a chronic case of catarrh. I blow flakes out of my nose stained with blood in the morning. One nostril seems to be stopped up which makes it hard for me to get breath. At the time I first got hurt I was painting for the relief, and cutting the paint with turpentine. The relief gave me about fifteen days of medical treatments, otherwise I've had to foot my own doctor bills, and now I'm broke.

I have ten in the family and now I am cut off WPA. They want me to move out on the farm and they are allowing me $26.00 per month until I start farming and not well.

R. N.

ANSWER: This sounds suspiciously like poisoning from the work that you were doing. Possibly it is lead poisoning from the paint. It is typical of relief officials in such a vigilante area that they should first cause you to become seriously ill by their disregard for your safety, then not only refuse to pay your doctor bills, but cut your family to $2.60 per person a month in order to make you, a sick man, go to work for the big growers at slave wages.

DEMAND EXAMINATION

Our advice is that, if possible, you go with a large committee of friends to demand that the SERA pay a doctor to make a thorough examination and give a report of his findings. Demand a copy of the report and send it to me, care of the Western Worker. We will then be able to advise you as to what to do further. If it can be established that your illness is due to such a poisoning you are entitled to at least as much relief as you were receiving at that time, plus the payment of any doctor bills, past or future.

If your demands are refused, let us know, and we will get the help of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations in taking it up with the state office of the SERA.

Can You Name This Column?

CONDUCTED BY M ARJORIE CRANE

This new column which started out as "We Women Workers" is going to be improved. And this is your chance to help improve it and at the same time win a FREE SUBSCRIPTION for one year to the new women's magazine, The Woman Today.

The name for the column must be short and to the point. You may submit as many names as you wish. Write each entry on a sheet of paper, together with your name and address, and send it in. The contest closes Saturday, April 18th, and the winner will be announced in the issue of Thursday, April 23rd.

THE SANTA CRUZ QUILT

The Santa Cruz Women's Group tells us they plan to have a whole booth of their own at the International Labor Defense Bazaar here in San Francisco on March 20th. Home-made preserves and sparkling jellies, cakes, cookies, and candy, Santa Cruz mountain ferns in hand-made baskets, garden plants, pot holders and aprons—and a hand-pieced quilt, all put together and quilted with the tiniest even hand stitches—will make a display that should be the center of attraction.

Since these comrades live too far away to be here for the period of the bazaar, a group of San Francisco girls, who, for their part, are not experts with jellies and quilts, have volunteered to arrange and manage the booth—and add themselves to the decoration.

The quilt is now on display at the I. L. D. office. It is a beautiful thing, full 90 by 95 inches, in a lovely pattern and coloring, and wool filled.

The Santa Cruz group asks us to announce that they will take orders for pieced quilts, any size or pattern, the money to go to the I. L. D. So if you want one of these fine household pieces, you can have one well made at a price much less than the stores ask, and the money will go to a cause you are glad to support. Leave your order at the I. L. D. office, 1005 Market street, Room 410.

Such work as this is an inspiration to everyone, so if your bunch is doing anything of the kind, let us know, and don't hide your light under a bushel.

Only two weeks or so till the International Labor Defense has its annual bazaar. If you are planning to do any sewing for it, or to run a preliminary affair, you'd better hurry.

One group of women is meeting weekly in the afternoon and making things for the bazaar. One reads while the rest sew. They have finished several good books and are now reading Anna Louise Strong's "I Change Worlds"—and have turned out some neat looking aprons, children's dresses, and piece-work cushions in the meantime. Not to mention the fact that a number of women were drawn into the activity who might not have been brought into the working class movement in any other way.

And if pre-election prosperity has given you means of doing some hefty buying, you might hold off some of it till March 20. You will be able to get almost anything, from a can of fish to a fur coat, at the I. L. D. affair and it will be a bargain.

. . Books and Pamphlets . .

THE SOVIET UNION, A Symposium of Soviet Leaders (International Publishers). $1.25. Reviewed by John King.

Practically all of the contributions to this symposium are reprints of speeches and reports made by leading Soviet commissars before the Seventh Congress of Soviets of the U.S.S.R. held in January, 1935. They cover the four-year period between the sixth and seventh congresses—the period which witnessed the triumphant success of socialism throughout the Union.

Among the topics discussed are: the peace policy of the Soviet Union; the relations of the U.S.S.R. with capitalist countries; changes in the social structure of the country; the extension of the democratic principle in the Soviet electoral system; progress in the electric, coal, oil, iron, chemical and building industries; consumers' goods; the increased financial power of the U.S.S.R.; trade relations with other countries; national defense; foreign exchange, etc. Practically every phase of Soviet activity and life is covered.

NOT DRY READING

Interpolated as they are with numerous statistics, these reports are far from being "dry," wearisome reading, as is so often the case with such reports in capitalist countries. Rather, they make exciting, breath-taking reading. The reason for this is that behind these reports, behind these statistics, you can see and feel a whole people toiling, sweating, singing, laughing as they go about the mighty business of building a new, a better life.

Having served the chains of capitalism, which today are holding productive forces in check in every other part of the world, it is possible for them to utilize their full resources, both natural and physical. What is the result? While the world industrial production decreased 24 per cent during the six-year period of 1929 to 1934, industrial output in the Soviet Union increased 139 per cent!

DRAMA REVEALED

The whole drama of modern civilization is revealed in those statistics. Capitalism can no longer produce because under capitalism it is impossible to distribute the fruits of production. Socialism can produce because it has eliminated the profit system which blocks the way to distribution.

There are many conclusions to be drawn from this book. One is the fact that today socialism is victorious in the Soviet Union. During the past four years—the period covered by these reports—both agriculture and industry have been placed on a permanent, sound socialist basis. Perhaps the most convincing proof of the success of socialism is the democratizing of the electoral system. This has been accomplished by the replacement of indirect elections by direct elections and the substitution of not entirely equal suffrage by equal suffrage.

COMPLETE PICTURE

Another conclusion is that under this socialist system industrial growth and the ability of the people to take full advantage of such growth are limitless.

Anyone who would be abreast of all of the developments in the Soviet Union today should not be without this book. It gives a complete picture of conditions in the Soviet NUnion as of Jan. 1, 1935.

GHANDI CHOOSES MARXIST TO BE HIS SUCCESSOR

The physical frailty of Ghandi, nationalist leader of the masses of India in their struggle against British Imperial oppression, now requires his retirement from active life and the choice of another able leader to take his place continuing the fight for liberation.

This choice, Ghandi's own, has fallen upon a Marxist. Graduate of Harrow and of Oxford University, trained within the framework of British Imperial ideology, this young Indian is an ardent communist.

What this means to the future of the oppressed people of the world, is obvious. It means that the people of India, instead of fighting merely for national liberation, will become a part of the far more important task of liberating all oppressed human beings from all oppressors. This is a part of the logic of history, and falls into its place in the historic stream. The Russian people, crushed under Czarism, freed themselves—and achieved the U. S. S. R.

Millions of Chinese, recently among the most oppressed peoples of the world, today, live under Soviet rule. And now the masses of the Indian people, a third mighty nation to rise from sleep, awake to communism.

Slowly but certainly, over this disordered planet, the proletarians of all lands do unite.

C. P. Leader Is Freed

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 28.—The Greek government today released the chairman of the parliamentary fraction of the Greek Communist Party, arrested Wednesday for "insulting" the monarchy.

Tremendous mass protests and threats of strikes forced the government to release the Communist leader.

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

MEN AND MACHINES ARE RUSTING

Los Angeles.

Editor, Western Worker:

In some secluded and out-of-the-way places may be found the ditch-digging machines and steam shovels of yesterday. Machines capable of doing the labor of hundreds of men in a day are standing idle and rusting in order that the unemployed may have pick and shovel jobs.

Men of all occupations and trades are forced into wet sewer ditches and storm drains to swing picks and shovel dirt out above their heads, regardless of their physical strength or their being accustomed to such work.

Hundreds of old men who, in their younger days helped to create the wealth of America, must now get down into the ditches and strain their flabby muscles and aching rheumatic joints to the breaking point or starve.

Why not tax the millionaires, billionaires and their political yesmen into the sewer ditches for a while and see how they like it? At least they should be taxed to support the human laborers displaced by their machines.

A nation of people claiming the most fabulous wealth of any nation under the sun should be amply able to care for their aged and infirm and when they can't they had better change their form of government to meet the requirements of human welfare and human rights.

If the political bosses of the two old parties don't stop their quibbling and do something worth while pretty soon they are liable to wake up and find an entirely new set-up of bosses in the saddle next fall. They will find that the American people are not all asleep, and they will not long endure the present oppression and slavery.

WPA Worker.

TROPICAL ROMANCE

San Francisco.

Editor, Western Worker:

Last night I dreamed I was a business man in some South American country. I had a swell big office somewhere, I think it was in Uruguay. I remember I had just closed a nice fat contract with the salesman from a Japanese firm. It was for some of his goods he let me have dirt cheap. He seemed like a good guy and it looked like I would get plenty profit on the deal. Yes sir, I sure liked that little mug.

Everybody on the streets was talking about the war, so we did too. He told me how the Japanese fascist army was hammering away at the borders of the U. S. S. R. Then he showed me how there was a lot of dough in it for anybody who fixed it so his Government could get a lot of Yankee bombs and poison gas. I told him I'd like to help him out. He was O. K.

Then a funny thing happened. While I was sitting there trying to figure out a way to get my cut out of it, another bird came in. He said he represented Du Pont in the U. S. and explained the "neutrality" bill his Yankee Congress had just passed. He said it was going to help him sell us his stuff if only we'd declare war on an Asiatic or European power. He said I could buy everything Du Pont has got for sale and peddle it to my pals in the Japanese army at a handsome commission.

So what do you think I did? I called up our Dictator and told him it was high time to show those damned Reds a thing or two. And he agreed we'd have to do something about those unreasonable and irresponsible people who kick up such a hell of a fuss over missing a few meals. When I said I'd see that he got his share, he promised to declare war on the U. S. S. R. that afternoon.

That was when I woke up. But do you think the South American business men will wake up?

SIMPSON TO BE TRIED BY NAZIS AT EARLY DATE

AMERICAN SEAMAN FACES HOSTILE COURT

HAMBURG, Germany.—Close on the heels of the conviction of Charles Nisselbeck, naturalized American citizen, on the charges of high treason against the Naz government, comes the information that an early trial date will be set for Lawrence Simpson American-born seaman.

Simpson was taken bodily from the American Liner Manhattan on June 28th, 1935, and has been held in the Fuhlsbuttel concentration camp without a hearing since.

He was arested by the Naz secret police on the charge that he had anti-Nazi literature in his locker.

Information as to the trial was received in a communication from Maitre Bourthoumieux, French attorney in the case, by the International Labor Defense.

The attorney stated he had received this advice from the American Consul in Hamburg. He also said that only German counsel could be retained in the case, although foreign counsel may act as aide.

A committee sent by the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, last July elicited the information that the "German authorities will render Mr. Simpson all appropriate assistance."

SLUM CLEARANCE IN L. A IS PLANNED

LOS ANGELES, March 3.—The Los Angeles Committee on Public Housing has been organized, it was announced here today, and will advance a program for government-financed slum clearance.

Helen Alfred, secretary to the National Public Housing Conference, who is now in Los Angeles, formed the local committee, which is to work in cooperation with the municipal housing commission.

Recently, an adverse court ruling caused withdrawal of a $10,850,000 appropriation for a low-cost housing program here.

BUT NOT WAGES

NEW YORK, Mar. 8.—The Standard Statistics Co. has revealed that 152 U. S. corporations reported dividend raises for February, compared to 203 in January and 76 in February of last year. Statistics, not "revealed", show that more than 1,000,000 men were thrown out of work in January and that wages remained low while food costs still were extremely high.

BUTCHERS WALK OUT

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 6.—Butchers and cutters today joined the strike of 500 meat truck drivers. At least 13 packing companies were affected. Meat was reported at a premium in some sections of the city.

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EDITORIALS

The State Conference to Repeal the C. S. Act

Over 190 organizations have already pledged support to the state-wide conference for repeal of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act, which will convene in Sacramento on April 19. This is undoubtedly one of the most vital events of the year in the struggle of labor and liberal groups for civil rights. The Criminal Syndicalism Act hangs as a threat over all unions and progressive organizations, and it is their common responsibility to force its repeal.

Don't wait for representatives of the conference to contact you. Bring the matter up in your organization or union at the next meeting. Have a delegate elected to represent your group at the conference. Communicate with the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, 68 Haight street, San Francisco, UNderhill 9173, or the Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, 129 West Second street, Room 320, Los Angeles.

The Unemployed Must Demand A Part in Handling of Relief Funds

For many years the various unemployed organizations throughout America have demanded representation on the relief boards and commissions. How such a sound, democratic proposal can be logically vetoed by the relief bureaucrats is still a mystery.

After all, the jobless citizens of this country are more vitally interested in HONEST AND ADEQUATE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF FUNDS than anyone else. It's the unemployed who suffer when the State Relief Administration announces it has to cut expenses because its $2,000,000 expenditure in one month is too great. The SRA, in one month, spent $900,000 on ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS and only $1,100,000 for RELIEF CHECKS.

Now the SRA announces a "crisis," with consequent increased misery for the unemployed.

On Page One of this issue is a news item that points the answer to this whole problem.

The Alameda County Public Works and Unemployed Union has at last won representation in the WPA administrative offices, to handle labor disputes as to conditions on the jobs.

The next step is representation of the jobless unions, and the A. F. of L., on the relief administration TO HAVE A SAY ABOUT THE SIZE OF BUDGETS, WHO DESERVES RELIEF, and how much of the relief funds shall go into the pockets of the office-holders who wind the red tape.

Murder Hatched By Wall Street, Is Executed in Brazil

American newspapers—particularly those of the West Coast—made much of the yarn to the effect the son of Harrison George, noted American Communist, had divulged the hiding place of the Brazilian Communist leader, Luis Prestes.

Now, several days after Barron had been reported a suicide, the truth comes out. Not only had Prestes been taken into custody before Barron was arrested, but police tortured Barron for days and, unable to gain information from him, tossed him from a third-story window.

American imperialism is deeply entrenched in Brazil. The present Vargas government is an abject tool of Wall Street. Revolting peasants and workers of Brazil last November challenged Wall Street's rule. They were slaughtered, jailed and tortured into partial submission. But Prestes, a recognized leader of the revolt and a prominent Communist, escaped.

Communists the world over are in the forefront of the struggle of exploited peoples against their banker-masters. That's why police hunted Prestes as a wild and dangerous tiger is hunted by natives of India. He is a menace to their rule. And that's why they attempted to brand Barron as a stool pigeon and welcher.

Now it falls upon the working class of the world to save Prestes from death at the hands of the Vargas gunmen. Barron is dead—murdered. Preston must live. He can be saved by world-wide protest, as Dimitroff was saved from the Nazi butchers.

Protest today to the nearest Brazilian consulate! Demand freedom for Prestes and his 7000 fellow prisoners, victims of Wall Street greed!

The San Francisco Brazilian Consulate is in the Mills Building, 220 Montgomery street, telephone DOuglas 3187.

Browder's Radio Speech Suppressed in California

(Continued from Page 2)

er-Labor Party, with such a program. We have complete confidence in the American people.

We feel certain that life itself will finally bring the great majority to support the full Communist program of the fundamental reconstruction of the country along the lines of the highly successful Soviet Union, on the basis of Socialism.

The Soviet Union has proved this is the right road. While capitalist nations have fallen into crisis, the Socialist system of the Soviet Union has made the greatest gains in production, in living standards and culture ever withnessed in the history of the world. It abolished unemployment and won the broadest democracy because it drove out its Liberty Leagues, Hearsts and Wall Streets. That is why the Soviet Union is today the stronghold of peace.

With a system of Socialism, which the Communists propose, every ablebodied person could immediately be put to work. The wage scale under Socialism from the beginning could range from a minimum of $1000 per year up to ten or twelve thousand dollars at present value. To realize this requires an aroused population, organized and determined to sweep all obstacles out of the way, to break the rule of the bankers of Wall Street and to put the masses of the people in possession of their own country.

Abolish Poverty

That, in brief, is the utimate program of the Communist Party. When we have the support of the majority of the toiling people, we will put that program into effect with the same firmness, the same determination, with which Washington and the founding fathers carried through the revolution that established our country; with the same thoroughness with which Lincoln abolished chattel slavery.

We say most seriously that within two months after a majority gives power to the Communist program we can completely abolish poverty.

Whether you agree with the full Communist program or not, however, we are convinced that millions of you in America are ready for this immediate organization and program which we propose—ofa Farmer-Labor Party. Let Mr. Hamilton Fish, when he answers me tomorrow night, answer this proposal for opening the factories, of Old Age and Unemployment Insurance, and give the program of his party—not drag out red herrings. Each listener who wishes more information, write to me at 35 East 12th street, New York City. I will be glad to put you in touch with people of the same opinions in your locality and give you all the information possible. Read the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, (National organ of the Communist Party, Ed., Western Worker), outstanding fighters for the workers and farmers.

The Communist Party has no interests apar from yours. We propose no actions except those which the American people are prepared to organize and carry out themselves in their own interests. We are convinced that millions of you are ready for such a Farmer-Labor Party in 1936. Let us get together and by our united efforts make it a reality.

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The Power Trust's Idea of 100 Per Cent Americanism

Employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., have informed us that their bosses have subscribed to Colonel Henry R. Sanborn's "red herring" newspaper, "The American Citizen," for everyone on their payroll. As a return courtesy, it is said that many of the employees are chipping in to present the bosses with subscriptions to the "Western Worker."

"It is only natural," said one employee, "that the same huge power trust which engineered the Mooney frame-up should give its support to a fascist 'heel' like Sanborn. This means that Sanborn is getting a payoff from the P. G. & E. and that ultimately it will be ground out of our wages."

We asked another employee what he thought of it and he said: "I didn't read it. I just used it to clean my shoes."

A third said that his wife folded it up and put it in the bottom of the bird cage.

"I read it," said a fourth. "Boy what a nightmare! If the Communist Party was anything like he says it is in there, I never would have joined it."

"I don't believe in force and violence," said a fifth, "but that guy Sanborn should be spanked."

The last issue of the "American Citizen" is largely given over to lamenting the fact that American students are giving their support to the struggle to establish socialism and are blowing rubber raspberries at capitalist medicine men like Sandborn. Sanborn's belief is that bearded aliens from Russia have hypnotized them or else bribed them with all-day suckers to march in Communist parades.

We even heard one man remark, "By God! I'm against Communism. But if they let that crack-pot Sanborn keep on publishing that paper, everybody'l join the Communist Party."

JOHNSON, HALLETT, REICH REPUDIATE TROTZKY

Cannon-Shachtman Group Seeking Merger With the Socialists

Warning their "Socialist comrades" against the introduction of Trotskyism into the ranks of the Socialists of America, three prominent leaders of the Trotskyite Workers Party have resigned from that group and have declared for the realistic program of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. and of the Communist International.

The resignations confronted the recent Workers' Party convention held at New York City the latter part of February. Resigning were Arnold Johnson, secretary of the National Unemployed League, a prominent leader in mass work and a member of the Political Committee of the Workers' Party; Bill Reich, educational director of the Pennsylvania Unemployed League, who served 30 days in a Columbus, Ohio, jail for fighting evictions, and Winslow Hallett, treasurer of the Lehigh County (Pennsylvania) Unemployed League, treasurer of the Allentown Teachers' Union and who in 1935, was fired from Cedar Crest College for activity with the unemployed.

The three issued a joint statement which rocked the already faction-torn convention to its depths. It exposed the filthy disintegration within the Trotsky party and warned the Socialist Party of a Trotskyite move to join the "militant" Socialists with the idea of keeping intact the Trotskyite faction and thereby assuring the continued publication of the Trotskyite publications.

Leading the move to join the Socialist Party is the Cannon-Shachtman faction. Opposed still to this move is the faction headed by Muste and Abern. The split in the Trotskyite Workers Party already had come about because of this divergence of opinion. The statement by Johnson, Hallett and Reish goes fully into the factional strife and shows clearly the depths to which the Trotskyite petty politicians have sunk in the mire of counter-revolutionary activities. In part it declares:

THEIR STATEMENT

"We entered this movement (Trotskyite) because we felt that the revolutionary aims of the working class could best be realized through it. It is now clear that the movement cannot serve to advance the interests of the working class but that it has on the contrary been so corrupt and has so degenerated as to constitute a serious disrupting force within the labor movement.

"Today when fascism and war menace the working people of the world, when the ruthless profit-seeking of the capitalists depresses ever lower the standard of living of the working class, the great, urgent need is for united action to defeat and destroy these dangers. There is no time to lose. Socialists, Communists, trade unionists—all groups that have the interest of the workers at heart, must join hands in this common task. The accomplishments of the Peoples Fronts in France and Spain encourage us in the conviction that similar united efforts can succeed in the United States. Everywhere the cry of the workers is for united action.

"We have found, however, from our experience, that Trotskyism seeks insidiously to prevent this united action. . . We accuse it of being a counter-revolutionary force, providing objective aid to Hearst and other reactionaries, and spreading paralysis and confusion within the working class movement under the banner and slogan of world revolution."

MUD SLINGERS

The statement then details the charges and counter-charges which have been made by every Trotskyite against every other Trotskyite with the result the Workers Party has disintegrated rapidly. Members have dropped out in sheer disgust. This disintegration has been carried into the mass movements under guidance of the Trotskyite Party and these movements in turn have disintegrated. The statement continues:

MORE STATEMENT

"Why do we see this wreckage around us today? Because Trotskyism is a negative force, capable only of producing division, sectarianism and strife. Its ultimate effect is to divide the working class and inhibit effective action. Its primary aim is to destroy the Communist International. Its chief object is to attack the successful socialist economy of the Soviet Union. . . Today the Soviet Union, by its scientific socialist construction, stands as the greatest challenge to the capitalist world. . . Yet nine-tenths of the space in the New Militant and other Trotskyist organs is devoted to what? To fighting the bosses and fascists? To building the mass movement? No. To slanderous attack on the Soviet Union.

"Trotskyists, realizing the utter bankruptcy of their movement in the United States, now plan to enter the Socialist Party to carry on the same destructive activity there that they carried on within the former American Workers Party, to solve their inner factional problems by confusion and slander within the Socialist Party and to poison the minds of the Socialists against the Soviet Union.

WARN SOCIALISTS

"From our experience we wish to warn Socialist comrades of the danger of Trotskyism to the Socialist Party. Socialist Party members must be forewarned of the splits, expulsions, recriminations, verbal black-jacking, physical lead pipe hurling and file-pilfering which has characterized the Trotskyite movement during the past year. . . .

"We are convinced that an effective struggle against war is impossible without consistent struggle in support of the peace policy of the Soviet Union and in defense of the Socialism which has already been established in the Soviet Union. We are convinced that a struggle against fascism is impossible without a determined, earnest effort to build a mighty people's front led by a united working class. . .

Therefore we resign from this convention as members of the Workers Party. We stand with the Soviet Union. We hail its socialist success and declare it to be the shining hope of the workers of the world. We stand likewise for the united front—of Socialists, Communists, trade unions and other groups that will defeat fascism, halt war, and overthrow capitalism. We, as true Communists, call upon all comrades who believe likewise to forget their self-righteous sectarianism and to accept and work for the realistic program of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. and of the Communist International."

SOCIALISTS TAKE HEED

Clearly, the intrusion of the Trotskyist group into the Socialist Party, would mean strife and factional struggle. Counter-revolutionary, sly, and consumed with a burning hatred for the Communist International and the Soviet Union, the historical function of this group is to disrupt.

Socialist Party members of the West Coast should immediately send letters and resolutions to the National Executive Committee of the Party at New York, demanding that these professional disrupters be barred from ever entering the Party. All honest, sincere Socialist Party members will not fail to see the sincerity of this statement—forewarned is forearmed. The United Front and the Farmer-Labor Party are major emergency measures confronting all sincere people at this time. We should work toward this end.

English Workers Ban Use of City Hall to Mosley Fascist Group

OXFORD, England.—A large deputation representing all the organized workers forced the City Council to withdraw their permission for Sir Oswald Mosley to hire the City hall for a Fascist meeting.

Once before the Council had granted Fascist Mosley the use of the city hall for his gang of black-shirted hoodlums.

Irate workers broke the meeting up and chased them out of town.

The permit was cancelled this time by a vote of 31 to 12 and the deputation left to make sure that all roads were closed to the fascists.

Seeing Red

By Michael Quin

Shortly after Hitler came to power in Germany, Herman Goering, his flabby and depraved right hand man, made the famous declaration, "Whenever I hear the word culture, I reach for my Mauser."

From the viewpoint of a blood-sucker, there is some wisdom in his terror.

Ancient rulers feared popular eduction and intelligence as much as modern fascists. At one time only Monks and noblemen knew how to read or write. To teach a commoner these arts was a crime punishable by death.

The written word was scarce and few could read it anyhow. News passed through the country by word of mouth. To make odds and ends of information easier to emember, rhymes were invented. The power of rhymes became so great that it shook empires and rulers held them in greater fear than the Black Plague.

Later on, educated gentlemen made a hobby of writing up how they felt about certain women, sunsets and landscapes in rhymes, and this was called poetry.

Today, fascist nations have succeeded in suppressing almost every form of culture except rhymes which circulate freely among the populace despite clubs, guns and censorship.

In October last year, Mussolini's government tried to use rhymes for their own purposes, and they now regret it extremely. They popularized the following little ditty among embarking troops and the public at large:

For a Christmas present
To the Duce we'll win
The war and wrap the Negus
In a sausage skin.
A quick, short war,
Two months, no more,
And we'll dance around the bon fire
At Sellasie's door.

Christmas came and went, but the rhymes stayed on. Troops and citizens still recite it all through Italy and at the front. Mussolini has made laws against it to no avail. It has become the favorite sarcasm of the masses and continues to spread resentment against the fascist regime.

In Japan, another little ditty has caught on which neither laws nor threats can rub out of the public mind and which gains currency daily:

I work. I work as best I can,
Yet for all that
My living
Is none the better—
Blankly I gaze at my hands.

In England a certain rhyme has gained popularity which could apply very well to a lot of American newspapermen, particularly some of Hearst's employees:

You cannot hope
To bribe or twist,
Thank God,
The British
Journalist.
But seeing what
The man will do
Unasked,
There's no
Occasion to.

Shelley, the great English poet, whenever he turned his pen on political or social subjects turned out lines that are being revived today much to the embarrassment of the upper classes. His advice to the British working class was:

Rise like lions from your slumbers
In unconquerable numbers;
Shake your chains to earth like dew;
Ye are many, they are few.

A rhyme by Slim Pickens ran in a recent Sunday Worker that is worth repeating:

Dirty Willie Randolph Hearst
Wants to see the U. S. first,
First in armies,
First in navies,
First in castles for Marion Davies.

Main rhymsters on the American continent are the Mexican and Negro workers. Mexican workers go in for mile-long poems and anyone who pleases can add another stanza. Some Mexican rhymes have passed by word of mouth through many generations gathering extra stanzas as they go, but never having been written down. In a later column I'll give a lot of examples of them.

One American rhyme which I regard as a prize-winning masterpiece goes:

The golf links lie so near the mill
That almost every day,
The little children at their work
Can see the men at play.

The American army is one of the champion rhyme factories of the world, their old standby being:

You're in the army now,
You're not behind the plow.
You'll never get rich
You — of a —.
You're in the army now.

Another popular one in the army (though I don't believe it originated there) is:

Did you ever think
When the hearse goes by,
They'll soon be burying
You and I.

And the worms crawl in,
And the worms crawl out,
Etc.

Already I'm at the end of this column and haven't tapped the subject yet. We'll deal with it again from time to time. Meanwhile, send in to me all your favorite rhymes—short ones particularly—and we'll make a collection.

USSR Democracy

TOPIC OF DEBATE

Strong vs. Bryant

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5.—Is Soviet Russia democratic?

Anna Louise Strong, American university graduate, newspaper correspondent and one of the editors of the English language Moscow Daily News says it is.

Stewart E. Bryant, retired Lieutenant-Commander in the United States Navy and with the Naval Intelligence Service in the Far East during the period of Allied intervention in Russia, says not.

The two will debate the question at Dreamland Auditorium here on Wednesday night, March 11. Dr. Strong recently debated with Tatiana Tchernavin, author of "Escape From the Soviets," on the position of women in the Soviet Union. Dr. Strong took the decision.

'This Soviet State,' Anna Louise Strong's latest book will be issued soon by Henry Holt and Co. It is the most recent of a long series of works reflecting her exhaustive and intimate knowledge of happenings and life in every corner of the U.S.S.R.

Tickets for the March 11 debate are available at Sherman and Clay; Tom Girton's, at the Emporium and at the door. The American Russian Institute is sponsoring the debate.

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